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EEC breaks its deadlock on sanctions

EEC ministers broke the deadlock on sanctions against South Africa and adopted a package of limited measures

The South African Foreign Minister said "appropriate measures" would be taken to protect the sectors affected

After two days of intensive talks, including arguments late into Monday night, EEC Foreign Ministers yesterday broke the deadlock over sanctions against South Africa and adopted a modest package of limited measures, headed by a ban on South African iron and steel imports.

From Richard Owen, Brussels

The implementation of a ban on gold coins and a halt to new investments are to be delayed pending study by a group of experts. A proposed ban on South African coal — by far the most potent sanction under consideration — was abandoned in the face of West German and Portuguese opposition.

age was not as effective as it would have been if a ban on coal had been included.

But the sanctions which had been adopted would send a stronger signal to Pretoria than no package at all.

The Ministers expressed anxiety over new tensions in South Africa and the conditions in which detainees were held.

Sir Geoffrey, who reported to the two-day Foreign Ministers' meeting on his two visits to southern Africa in the summer and his talks in

Washington last week, said the EEC would have to sustain pressure on Pretoria, "sadly for longer than we would have wished".

But diplomats said no further visits were in prospect, partly because of Sir Geoffrey's busy schedule, beginning with the imminent United Nations General Assembly, at which the weak nature of the EEC package is likely to come under fire.

Sir Geoffrey warned against the "Jericho School of Diplomacy". It was wrong to believe

it only took a trumpet blast — "even by 12 trumpeters" — to bring down the walls of apartheid.

The EEC summit in The Hague in June undertook to consider a range of sanctions by September 27 if Sir Geoffrey's peace mission failed.

But faced with a decision EEC Foreign Ministers found little common ground, with West Germany and Portugal — which have strong ties with South Africa — backing away from The Hague commitment and The Netherlands, Denmark and Ireland insisting that the sanctions package had to be implemented in full or not at all.

Britain, taking a neutral role in the chair despite Mrs Thatcher's known scepticism over sanctions, presided over a compromise under which the ban on iron and steel goes into effect from September 27, while legal experts wrangle over whether the ban on gold coins and investments should take the form of national measures or Community measures enforced by the Commission.

Britain already operates a

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S Africa at centre of SDP storm

By Richard Evans Political Correspondent

South Africa's embassy in London was embroiled in an embarrassing row at the SDP conference in Harrogate yesterday after two of its diplomats "gategashed" a private reception, and their ambassador intervened to try and change the party's stance on apartheid.

By last night it seemed likely the SDP would refuse South African diplomats observer status at future conferences after the attempted publicity exercise dramatically backfired.

SDP leaders, are angered over the way a first and third secretary from the embassy attended a ticket only meeting organized by the Association of Social Democrats for Europe although apparently uninvited, became incensed by a letter sent to "delegates" by Mr Denis Worrall, South Africa's ambassador, in which he urged them to amend party policy.

Mrs Shirley Williams was applauded during her presidential address when she told conference the party took "strong exception" to the behaviour of Mr Worrall and his two aides.

"The violation of human rights in South Africa, the unwillingness to release Nelson Mandela, and the failure to attempt any negotiation on political rights with those who speak for the black majority are matters to which the South African ambassador should address himself, not this conference."

In his four page letter to SDP supporters attending the conference, Mr Worrall said that while the Botha government would not "quarrel too seriously" with the goal of the SDPs policy to dismantle apartheid, it was disappointing the party leaders had not recognised it should be achieved "through a process of peaceful negotiation". He urged the conference to add the "crucially important rider" to its policy.

The "gategashing" incident involved Mr Richard Davies, a coloured South African, and Mr Allen Stardlow who claimed they had been invited to the private reception held in the main conference hotel.

But Mr Robert MacLennan, MP for Caithness and Sutherland who hosted the event, insisted: "They were not invited. They gategashed. I saw the invitation list and had they been on it I would have asked for their names to be removed."

Mrs Williams told reporters: "I think it is appalling to attempt to intervene in our proceedings and policy making. We shall have to reconsider whether to have South African diplomats as observers next year."

In her speech to conference the SDP president followed up Dr Owen's election alert, saying the time for further policy making had come to an end. "We now have a more crucial job to do. Now I want you to be sensible, rational, reasonable and impassioned on the doorstep."

"We now have to take our message, the Alliance message, to every last citizen of these islands."



Herr Kohl helps Mrs Thatcher open a bottle of mineral water during their press conference.

Sanctions line is resisted

From Our Correspondent Bonn

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany yesterday distanced themselves from the EEC decisions on sanctions against South Africa.

Speaking at a joint press conference in Bonn during talks with Herr Kohl, Mrs Thatcher said she did not believe that sanctions would

help bring apartheid to an end.

On the contrary, she added, they would probably lead to more unemployment and hunger among the blacks in South Africa and neighbouring lands. This was why she and Herr Kohl had rejected many recent proposals for action against South Africa.

She was much more of the opinion that the positive mea-

asures referred to in the Brussels communiqué and that following the EEC ministers' meeting in The Hague last June, combined with political steps, had better prospects of ending apartheid.

Herr Kohl said he continued to be sceptical about sanctions, and added that they were an opportunity for some to do good business by evading them.

Sellafield pay-out for cancer victims

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The families of three men who contracted cancer after working at the Sellafield nuclear fuel reprocessing plant, in Cumbria, were awarded compensation totalling more than £100,000 yesterday.

The largest amount of £75,000 went for an employee who died of lung cancer in 1969.

An award described by British Nuclear Fuels as "a part payment" of £31,500 was made for an employee who died of liver cancer in 1973. Details of the third settlement were not released. None of the workers was named.

More than £600,000 has been paid since a compensation scheme was agreed three years ago between the four unions on the site.

British Nuclear Fuels said yesterday that agreement had been reached in principle to extend the scheme to cover employees who were still working or retired.

There were more than 100

claims outstanding. It was hoped that "with more stringent safety standards and greater awareness of recent years, the number of cases would decrease."

However, the awards were not an acceptance of liability. The company said it was impossible to distinguish between cancers that occurred naturally and those that might have been induced by radiation.

Dependants of the victims could take cases to court. But the company said that would be on an "all or nothing basis", whereas the compensation scheme allowed for "part payment".

The secrecy which surrounds the method of awarding compensation has been criticized by the environment group, Cumbrians Against a Radioactive Environment, Core.

Miss Jean Emery said if a claim for compensation was rejected, there was nowhere for the relatives to appeal.

Paris offers reward for bombers

Paris (AFP, Reuter)

French police yesterday offered a reward of one million francs (£100,000) for information on two Lebanese sought in connection with the bomb attacks that have killed six people and injured more than 200 since December.

They named the suspects as Robert Ibrahim Abdallah and Maurice Ibrahim Abdallah and said that notice of the reward, the first of its kind ever offered by the police directorate, would be posted across France from today.

Police gave three Paris telephone numbers for informants to call: 42-65-10-58, 45-54-81-43 and 45-54-13-32.

Meanwhile, Mr Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, postponed a three-day visit to Canada next week.

He will fly to New York next Wednesday, however, to address the United Nations. New terror threat, page 7

Tomorrow Pretoria threatens reply to sanctions

Peace on a tightrope



On the eve of yet another bid to get peace talks going with the rebels in El Salvador, a profile of President Duarte, a man on a political high-wire

Pretoria threatens reply to sanctions

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South African Government leaders condemned the sanctions measures agreed yesterday by EEC foreign ministers, but the package is, in fact, much less damaging than had been feared here.

In a statement issued late on Monday, Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, said "appropriate measures" would have to be taken "in defence of the interests of the country as a whole... we cannot stand idly by while the livelihood of our workforce is jeopardised".

Mr Botha did not say what the measures would be, though the Government has said several times that the repatriation of foreign blacks working here might be necessary if jobs were lost as a result of sanctions. Priority, it is said, would then have to be given to the employment of local blacks.

The exclusion of coal exports — the sector on which an EEC ban would have had by far the biggest impact — from the Community's package of measures has undoubtedly come as a great relief to both the Government and the industry, even if they will not say so publicly.

The EEC's inability to reach full agreement will reinforce Pretoria's belief that the threat

13 die in mine fire

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Thirteen South African miners died in a fire in the Kinross gold mine, Transvaal, yesterday. Sixty others required hospital treatment. Another 400 miners were still trapped.

them, may still have possessed as a means of prodding Pretoria to move faster along the road of political reform.

Pretoria has decided that it can live with sanctions, and possibly have turned them to domestic electoral advantage.

An effective ban on coal would have been serious. The South African coal industry, which accounts for about one sixth of non-gold export revenues, has become increasingly dependent on foreign markets over the past 10 years. In 1985, 44 million tons were exported, of which 22 million tons went to the EEC's markets.

Had the EEC banned coal, Japan, which last year imported 1.5 million tons of coal from South Africa, would have been a major market.

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Portfolio Gold

The £4,000 daily prize in the Times Portfolio Gold competition was shared yesterday by four readers, Mr L. Eccleston of Burnley, Lancs, Mr S.A. Cheetham of Chester, Mr J.B. Olliphant of Chippenham, Wilt, and Mr J. Johnston of Ventnor, Isle of Wight. There is a further £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list page 25; rules and how to play, information service, page 20.

Exchange link

The Stock Exchange and the International Securities Regulatory Organisation have agreed to form a body which will regulate dealings in government securities, domestic and foreign shares and options. Page 22

Tunnel tactics

Local opponents of the Channel Tunnel intend to make their objections felt in the Lords after being given only six days to put their case to a Commons committee. Page 2

Back at work

Mr Nicholas Daniloff, the US journalist freed into his Ambassador's safe keeping, started work in Moscow again amid fears of death threats to a dissident witness. Page 7

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Massive gas finds under ocean floors

Undersea exploration has unlocked gas that experts say will service world needs for hundreds, possibly thousands, of years. Supplies of natural gas had been expected to run out early in the next century. But American, Canadian and Soviet scientists have found gas in solid methane hydrate, a crystalline mix of methane and water, under the Canadian and Siberian Arctic. More has been found across the world from the Caribbean to the Far East. Spectrum, Page 10

Tip-off warned police of bomb plot by IRA

By Stewart Tendler

A petty criminal involved in a Provisional IRA plan to blow up a public house tipped off the police, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Raymond O'Connor, gave evidence yesterday at the start of the trial of a Blackpool man accused of plotting the explosion with Patrick Magee and Patrick Murray.

Thomas Maguire, aged 27, a Dubliner living at Milbourne Street, Blackpool, denies conspiring to cause explosions.

When butterflies lose on the scales of justice

By Alan Hamilton

Thoughts of kindness were all that occupied the mind of Mr Robert Thomas, a process worker, when he took an axe in hand and felled 34 trees in the back garden of his home at Aldwych Close, Normanby, Cleveland.

He did it, his solicitor explained in court yesterday, for the butterflies.

Mr Thomas, a self-confessed nature lover, had planted his garden with rag-

wort, histles and other delicacies which attract the creatures. But when the trees blossomed into full leaf they had the ragwort from the butterflies; so the trees had to go.

Unfortunately his act of lepidopteral charity took no account of the Town and Country Planning Act which, in any conflict between butterflies and trees, is weighted heavily in favour of the latter. Mr Thomas' trees were the subject of a preservation or-

der, a matter on which he professed ignorance.

His troubles began when a neighbour complained to Langbaurgh Borough Council about Mr Thomas' 34 stumps of varying height, 3,000 trees of council officials were on his doorstep to enumerate the 34 errors of his ways.

Middlesbrough magistrates, who in any dispute between butterflies and trees are weighted heavily in favour of the law, told Mr Thomas yesterday that they had power to fine him £68,000, at the rate of £2,000 per tree, when he pleaded guilty to 34 offences under the Act, at the rate of one per tree.

But the magistrates took a charitable view; they fined him a mere £200 and ordered him to plant 20 new trees in his garden.

Mr Thomas, aged 41, whose garden also houses 10 aviaries where he breeds British birds, was not entirely repentant after yesterday's hearing, particularly when he revealed that, while felling one of the

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Objectors to Chunnel plan inquiry walk-out

By Sheila Gunn and Martin Fletcher, Political Staff

Local opponents of the proposed £3,000 million Channel Tunnel will look to the House of Lords to ensure they get a fair hearing, they said last night.

If not, they are prepared to join Sealink, the ferry company, in considering an appeal to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the former transport secretary, originally promised that all local objectors to the £3 billion channel project would be given the right to put their case.

But even though more than 4,000 petitions were subsequently submitted, the committee has decided to restrict its hearings in Kent to six days.

Mr David Crowhurst, a Sheppey district councillor, described yesterday's hearings before the all-party Commons select committee on the Channel Tunnel Bill as a farce and a shambles.

He is due to put the objections of Cheriton villagers today whose homes will overlook the railway terminal for tunnel traffic. Instead, he said, he would lead a walk-out to protest at the "gagging" of objectors.

After the Bill has passed through all its stages in the Commons it will go through the same procedure in the House of Lords. Mr Crowhurst, and many other petitioners, hope a select committee of peers will allow them more time to put their

objections to the project. In an unexpected twist, Mr Peter Snape, a Labour member of the committee and a champion of the Channel Tunnel, accused agents acting on behalf of the objectors of being paid employees of Sealink, one of the unsuccessful bidders for the Chunnel project.

Interviewed on BBC radio, he said: "We have evidence that Sealink has gone around the towns, Dover in particular, collecting names of people who wanted to protest."

Further embarrassment for the committee chairman, Mr Alex Fletcher came when one of his own committee, Labour MP Mr Nicholas Raynsford, broke ranks at the end of an acrimonious morning session in which few of those who had hoped to speak had been able to.

Siding with those who claimed they had been denied a hearing, Mr Raynsford said he believed the committee should give "full opportunity to local people to put their case". He was later reprimanded.

Among those unable to speak was Mr Jim Egeroff, who had flown back from San Francisco to attend.

Mr Robbie Browne-Clayton, a London parliamentary consultant who has been coordinating opposition claimed that the committee was under government orders to complete considerations of the Bill by the end of October.

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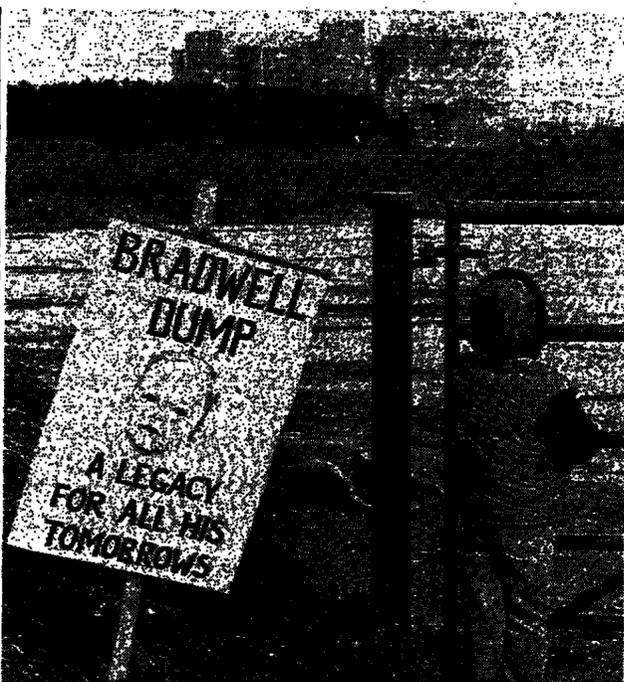
By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Nearly three out of four people support the Government's assisted places scheme which enables children from poor families to attend independent schools, a survey disclosed yesterday.

The Labour Party has promised to abolish the scheme, but the poll carried out by MORI for the Independent Schools Information Service, shows that 72 per cent of

people support assisted places. Mr David Woodhead, director of ISIS who released the figures at the SDF conference in Harrogate, said public support for the scheme was the highest yet and 10 per cent more than three years ago.

He said: "The Labour Party should take note that support among its voters has grown from 51 per cent to 60 per cent



By Trudi McIntosh

A child peers through a gate leading to the field at Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex, where anti-nuclear protesters were yesterday caught on the hop by a dawn convoy of lorries.

Hundreds of villagers, who have been blockading the site, were asleep when the lorries, escorted by up to 100

police, delivered drilling equipment to the site. Contractors employed by Nirex, the Government's nuclear waste agency, had assembled at a secret rendezvous near the village and moved off at dawn.

Angry villagers claimed the police had over-reacted. Mr Les Pipe, chairman of the 1,000-strong Essex Against Nuclear Dumping Group, yesterday said: "There was ab-

solutely no need for nearly 100 police to line the roads and escort the convoy. Local people feel incensed by the presence of so many police."

Nirex said the High Court injunctions against protesters blockading the three other proposed dumping sites - in Bedfordshire, Lincolnshire and Humbershire - would be served "sometime this week". (Photograph: Leslie Lee)

Ulster jobs equality drive

By Richard Ford

Big changes to strengthen laws on discrimination in Northern Ireland, including measures to penalize companies tendering for government contracts, were proposed yesterday.

They are designed to promote greater equality of employment between Protestant and Roman Catholic workers in the private and public sectors.

The proposals, introduced in a government consultative paper, are an admission that despite efforts made since direct rule was imposed in 1972 there are still serious employment differences between the two communities. Financial and legal pen-

alties are proposed to ensure greater compliance from both sections of industry with anti-discrimination measures.

The changes would mean public-sector employers had a statutory duty to practice equality of opportunity instead of the present system where they declare their intention to follow such a policy.

They would be required to introduce monitoring systems giving reliable and up-to-date information about the make-up of their workforce; those refusing to do so would face legal action resulting in fines and surcharges.

Private-sector employers would be granted a certificate for several years after signing a

declaration on equality of opportunity, but their progress would be monitored.

The Government plans to take powers to enable it to deny grants, including generous aid available from the province's industrial development board, to any company refusing to sign.

Introducing the proposals, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, insisted that the status quo was no longer an option. It was vital to improve employment prospects. "If we do not succeed, it will be very damaging indeed and there will be greater problems in attracting investment, particularly from the United States."

Children aged 12 homeless in London

By Robin Young

Children aged as young as 12, and one aged eight, have been found wandering homeless in London, supporters of the Church of England Children's Society heard at their annual meeting yesterday.

One of the society's 150 projects last year provided a "safe home" for young runaways in London.

The house, whose address is kept secret to protect young people sheltered there from undue pressure, has provided refuge for more than 250 children under 17 since opening in May 1985.

Most are sent there after being picked up by police patrols late at night, or after contacting the social services departments of Westminster and Camden.

"The eight year old was exceptional", admitted the society's director, Mr Ian Sparks. "He was one of a vagrant family of children. But at 12 it is quite common and at 14 very common for children to run away from home."

In fact, 2,982 children aged under 17 were reported missing to the Metropolitan police in 1985. Many more leave home to live on the streets throughout Britain. The London boroughs alone housed 27,000 families as homeless in 1984-85, including an estimated 30,000 children and young people.

Of the 250 harboured by the society's central London Teenage Project, more than 40 per cent were runaways from London and the South-east.

More alarmingly, 40 per cent of the children handled by the project in its first six months had been in the care of local authorities before running away to London. Of the girls, more than a quarter had been sexually or physically assaulted at home before fleeing, and 6 per cent of the boys had suffered similar abuse.

The society believes that thousands of young people run away to London every year.

They are easily drawn into the city's subculture of drugs, crime and prostitution. They sleep in doorways, haunt all-night cafes, or sleep on the Circle Line.

If they do come to the attention of helping agencies or the police, all that can usually be done is to return them home.

The society's safe home telephone number is given to parents or those who have responsibility for the young people who arrive there, but otherwise the children are protected while negotiations for their return are carried out with their full knowledge and participation.

The society, which has 800 employees in its social work department, believes that the project is unique in Britain.

It plans to hold a seminar to explain the project's work later this year, and also aims to publish a series of booklets and leaflets aimed at helping parents and others to recognize danger signs in the young and assist them in preventing greater numbers of runaways in future.

The society does not claim 100 per cent success.

Karen, a girl of 14, had absconded from a local authority assessment centre, and had already taken to prostitution and drugs before being taken to the society's teenage project by a male prostitute who was concerned for her safety.

It took several weeks to win her confidence because police had escorted her home several times previously, and she was afraid of being "locked up".

World Chess Championship Tables turned by brilliant Kasparov

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent, Leningrad

Gary Kasparov, the world chess champion, has moved into a three-point lead after amazing scenes on Monday in the concert hall of the Leningrad Hotel.

The score is now 9½ to 6½ and Kasparov needs 2½ points from the remaining eight games to retain his title.

For much of the sixteenth game experts saw Karpov as having a decisive advantage. Indeed, after Black's thirty-first move... Rb3, Kasparov's resignation appeared imminent. His king's side attack seemed stillborn and on the queen's flank White's forces were shattered. Kasparov's knight on a3 was also obviously doomed.

Then, on move 32, Kasparov captured a Black knight and Karpov went into a trance. For more than 40 minutes the former champion pondered which way to retreat. He nearly lost on time forfeit and clearly became increasingly agitated.

When Karpov finally played 32...cxd3 Kasparov launched a sudden and devastating attack which blasted his incredulous opponent off the board. At the close Karpov's position had been destroyed - his queen gone and his king exposed to a mating attack.

After White's fortieth move the packed hall burst into applause.

On move 41 Karpov finally

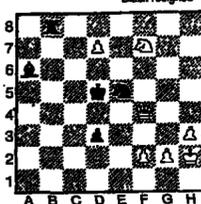
capitulated and hurried from the stage. Kasparov at once returned from backstage to be greeted by a tumult of applause.

Grandmasters were dazed by Kasparov's performance. It was acclaimed as the most exciting of the match.

Old guard, page 12

White: Kasparov			
White	Black	White	Black
1 e4	e5	22 Nxd3	Rd6
2 Nf3	Nc6	23 Rg3	Rd8
3 Bb5	a6	24 e5	Qxd5
4 Bg4	Nf6	25 Nxd5	Rxd3
5 d4	Bc7	26 Nc3	Qd6
6 Re1	b5	27 Rg3	g6
7 Bf3	0-0	28 Bf6	Qxd2
8 c3	0-0	29 O3	Nd7
9 N3	Bd7	30 Bxh6	Kd8
10 f4	Re8	31 Kf2	Rd3
11 Nd2	Bb8	32 Bxd5	cxtd3
12 e4	h8	33 Qd4	Qxd3
13 Bc2	exd4	34 Nf6	Qe7
14 cxd4	Nd4	35 Rf6	Qe5
15 Bb1	c5	36 Rg6	chx7
16 e5	Nd7	37 e6	chx6
17 Rg3	0-0	38 Rd	chx5
18 N4	Qe6	39 Rxe5	
19 N2d3	Nd5	40	Nxd5
20 a5	axb5	41 d7	Rd8
21 Nxb5	Rxd3	41 Nc7	

Black resigned



Miners on strike for more work

By Tim Jones

More than 400 miners went on strike yesterday to get more overtime only days after setting production records.

The stoppage happened at the Prince of Wales Colliery, Pontefract, whose 1,200 miners last week produced 34,489 tonnes. Only a few miners were told they could work overtime at the weekend.

The pit is one of six in North Yorkshire producing more than five tonnes a man shift, compared with the national average of just over three tonnes.

However, talks were being held last night and production is expected to resume today.

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, who is due to meet Sir Robert Haslam, British Coal's new chairman, will be unhappy that men who backed him during the strike are firmly wedded to the productivity scheme.

Losses caused by the South Wales miners ban on coal production during overtime are nearing £2 million. The action by 12,000 miners is in protest about delays in the implementation of a pay award.

British Coal yesterday announced plans to close the 124-year-old Hneckall colliery near Nottingham, which lost £15 million last year. All 1,300 men will be offered voluntary redundancy or transfers.

Hattersley promises efficiency

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Rigorous checks to ensure increased public expenditure under a Labour government was efficiently distributed and earmarked for high priorities was outlined last night by Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's shadow Chancellor.

He said that members of Labour's Shadow Cabinet are reviewing public expenditure.

Under Mr Hattersley's plans, which have been put to the Shadow Cabinet but are not Labour policy, a new system of cash planning will monitor spending departments.

But even more radically, Mr Hattersley wants a system where each department will be asked periodically to justify expenditure, starting from scratch.

That would change the tendency for increases agreed for a particular expenditure to be added to existing spending and programmes, thus continuing existing undesirable programmes at the expense of potentially more valuable ones.

In a speech to a British Institute of Management dining club, Mr Hattersley described his proposed new system as "zero-based budgeting" and said that it was aimed at putting public expenditure on a more sensible footing.

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Increase in single parents

The number of single-parent families continues to rise and an increasing number are headed by the mother. About 1.5 million children live with one parent.

The latest figures from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys show that in 1984 there were 940,000 one-parent families, an increase of 12 per cent since 1979.

In the early 1970s one in seven single-parent families was headed by a father. That is now one in 11.

The rise in families headed by mothers is because of the increase in divorce and the decline in rates of remarriage, lower in women. It is estimated that one in five children will be affected by divorce before 16.

More than half of unmarried mothers are aged under 25.

Population Trends (Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, Stationery Office, £5).

Tax bonus for profit sharing

Amended proposals designed to attract companies and their employees to the idea of linking pay to profits were launched by Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday (David Smith writes).

The proposals, announced in a Green Paper, Profit Related Pay, offer the possibility of tax relief of £12 a month for participating workers on average earnings, at a probable cost to the Exchequer of £150 million a year.

Mr Lawson said that relating pay directly to profits gives employees a direct stake in the success of their company and should promote employment and discourage lay-offs.

Schemes will have to include 80 per cent of workers, and so cannot be for management only. The Chancellor will discuss the plan with industry and the unions and legislation could be included in next year's Finance Bill.

War on drug traffic

Europe eyes US nightmare

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

Drug trafficking in the United States alone is worth an estimated \$100 billion (£57 billion) a year. Worldwide the trade in heroin, cocaine, cannabis and synthetic drugs is easily the most lucrative—and destructive—criminal occupation.

American experts say that the illegal use of drugs is costing the country \$46 billion (£31.3 billion) a year in bad health, low productivity and crime.

In Europe, governments and police watch anxiously to see if cocaine, the current scourge of the US, will have the same effect in their countries.

Mr Ronald Reagan, US President, and his wife Nancy this week launched a fresh campaign against drugs in the United States, while Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, visited a South American jungle to explore fresh ways of preventing cocaine reaching Britain.

Mr Colin Hewitt, heading the country's national drugs intelligence operation, has said that the police have not stemmed the flood of drugs and Mr Mellor's department is soon to issue figures showing that the number of registered drug addicts has risen again.

Britain is estimated to have

Heroin fears 'overplayed'

Fears and allegations about heroin abuse have been overplayed by the media, claims a report by the Health Education Council published today.

The report, based on a survey in the north of England, says that typical heroin users are most likely to be young men and women in their late teens and twenties. Younger age groups are more likely to abuse alcohol and solvents. It provides evidence that heroin abuse is concentrated in areas of high unemployment and social deprivation.

The report, by Professor Geoffrey Pearson of Middlesex Polytechnic, says: "It serves no useful purpose for the public to be informed only by the demonic mythology of heroin misuse, or the highly self-dramatized accounts of wealthy pop stars."

up to 50,000 addicts. The Netherlands estimated earlier this year that it has 15,000 to 20,000. Figures from Italy show 30,000 registered heroin addicts two years ago.

The United States is the single largest market for drugs. The latest figures show five million people are cocaine users, 19 million have used

cannabis and there are 500,000 heroin users.

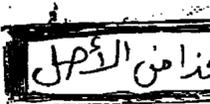
Pakistan, which has become a major centre for heroin, has an addict population of 300,000 and Thailand, bordering on the heroin Golden Triangle region of South-east Asia, may have up to 500,000 addicts.

These are among the countries where the war against drug trafficking is being fought. A United Nations agency has been trying to persuade peasant farmers growing the opium poppy or the coca leaf to turn to other crops, while their governments are taught modern methods of drug detection.

In 1986-7 the overall American budget for the anti-drug campaign will total \$3,200 million (£2,117 million).

Britain has recently opened a national centre to coordinate intelligence and expanded the number of drug squad officers working with forces or regional crime squads. Customs also has several hundred officers working in an investigation section which has produced major hauls year after year.

But the drugs keep flowing. Some investigators believe yet more officers are needed while others pin their hopes on new legislation like that passed in Britain this year allowing for the seizure of assets from convicted drug traffickers.



Fire-proof plastics and smoke hoods ahead for airliners

By Harvey Elliott and Peter Davenport

Tough new regulations aimed at preventing aircraft fires, including a ban on the use of flammable plastics in cabins, are being introduced by aviation authorities.

The move comes as the inquest into the Manchester airport disaster was told yesterday that investigators consider it "improbable" that commercial airlines fit passenger smoke hoods to prevent the needless loss of life in similar accidents.

The new safety rules, which will be mandatory on all new aircraft and eventually imposed on all existing fleets, will ban the use of flammable plastics on the walls of aircraft cabins. Existing regulations cover only the use of flammable materials in seats.

Aviation authorities have for years been concerned at the use of plastic which burns easily, gives off toxic fumes and drips on to people trapped in the cabin. But until now no suitable replacement has been available.

Tests in America, under the control of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), have shown that it is possible to produce a plastic which can be moulded to an aircraft shape, which looks similar to that now in use but which can resist a fierce fire.

The FAA has already ordered airlines to meet the new cabin safety standards within the next four years. Newly registered US aircraft will have to comply with an interim standard of cabin wall materials within two years. All existing fleets will have to comply within four years from

August 20, when the ruling became law.

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in Britain is preparing its own rules which will be as tough as those from the FAA. They will be published as a mandatory airworthiness notice early next year and airlines will be given up to two years to install the equipment.

The cost of installing the new material will be enormous and will worry airlines still suffering from a big reduction in profits. They are still installing new "fire blocked" seats, emergency floor lighting, better exit doors and smoke detectors in lavatories - work which is expected to cost British airlines £11.4 million this year alone.

The inquest on the 55 passengers and crew who died in the British Airways Boeing 737 at Manchester airport last summer was told yesterday that a report issued four years ago said that the provision of smoke hoods would not only save more lives than other improvements, but would also cost less.

Mr Edward Trimble, an inspector with the Department of Transport's Accident Investigation Branch (AIB), who carried out research into evacuation procedures and survivability in the disaster, was asked by the coroner, Mr Leonard Gorodkin, if aircraft would soon be equipped with hoods.

He said: "I sincerely hope so. We think it is imperative before any further lives are lost needlessly in these situations."

The jury was told yesterday that the provision of smoke

hoods had been under consideration since 1965. Four years later the FAA had proposed amendments to include the use of hoods, but they were later withdrawn.

Mr Trimble said that three reasons had been put forward: that the time taken to put on the hoods would affect evacuation time; that the prototypes, "a simple bag of air", could lead to passengers collapsing from carbon dioxide poisoning; and that on long overnight flights, children might play with the hoods and suffocate.

But since then research into smoke hoods had developed rapidly to the point where the accident investigation branch had made recommendations about their use to the CAA.

Mr Trimble said that the provision of hoods would enable passengers trapped in a smoke filled cabin to maintain consciousness and thus avoid the serious problem caused by people collapsing and blocking exit routes, as happened at Manchester.

Hoods, he said, would take only a few seconds to put on, but would buy minutes of evacuation time.

The inquest was also told of other recommendations that the accident investigation branch had proposed after the disaster. They include the strengthening of seats near over-wing exits to prevent their collapse, an improvement to the public address system to counter the loss of power on engine failure, and the repositioning of seats to give improved access to emergency exits.

The hearing continues.



Mr Chay Blyth, round-the-world yachtsman (left), and Mr Richard Branson, head of the Virgin group, chose the Cotty Sark yesterday to launch a new trade and tourism venture (Angella Johnson writes).

The £3 million scheme will take the best of British culture and products to America on two coasters converted into clipper ships similar to the Cotty Sark.

British Clippers will create more than 100 jobs and the conversion work will be done in British dockyards.

Wife and son tried to protect Ted Moul

Ted Moul, the farmer, broadcaster and television personality, shot himself during a bout of depression, in spite of his family's attempts to protect him from himself, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mr Moul, aged 60, who died at his farm in Ticknall, Derbyshire, on September 3, had been worrying unduly about his crops, the bad weather and also a planned appearance in a Christmas pantomime.

The inquest at Derby was told that Mr Moul, known most recently for his double glazing advertisements on television, had been receiving medical treatment for depression.

On the morning of his death, Mr Moul was at Scadwells Farm when his eldest son, William, said that he became aware of him trying to shut the door in Mrs Moul's face. She called him across the farmyard to come and help her because she was afraid he might do something stupid.

Together they took the office keys from his father, to prevent him from locking the door and then he noticed that his father was dressed only in shirt and underpants.

He and his mother finished dressing Mr Moul and left him sitting on a chair in the office. At that point his mother noticed a wood saw lying on the floor. They picked it up and took it to an adjacent room. As they were leaving that room they heard a gunshot.

Mr William Moul told Mr Alan Moore, the Derby coroner, that he and his mother rushed into the office and found Mr Moul on the floor with blood coming from his head.

He said he knew that his father had been receiving medical treatment and was taking sleeping and anti-depressant tablets. He had also been visited by a psychiatrist.

The coroner recorded a verdict that Mr Moul killed himself while suffering from depression.

Portfolio Gold Prize will pay for holiday

A retired teacher, a sales manager and a radio officer at a ship-to-shore coastal station are among the winners of yesterday's Portfolio Gold dividend of £4,000.

Mr Leslie Eccleston, aged 56, of Roughlee, Burnley, the retired teacher, has not had a holiday for two years. "I think I'll use the money to go on a fishing holiday in Scotland," he said.

Mr Jonathan Oliphant, the sales manager from Starley, Chippenham, Wiltshire, has been playing the game for the past six months. He said he would "wait and see" how to spend his share.

Mr John Johnston, from Ventnor, the radio officer, has been playing the Portfolio Gold game since it started. "I am going to use the money to make some improvements to the house," he said.

Another winner, Mr Stanley Cheetham, a retired Civil Servant from Chester, who is on holiday in Wales, said he would spend his winnings on another holiday.

Readers who would like to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending stamped addressed envelope to:

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Mr Jonathan Oliphant

Bradford fire fund to help young players

Young footballers will benefit from the small surplus of the Bradford Disaster Appeal. The first detailed report of the trustees of the fund, set up after 56 people died and more than 300 were injured in the fire at the Bradford City football ground in May last year, was issued yesterday.

It showed that donations and interest totalled £4.25 million and that administration had cost only £45,000.

Bereaved and injured people have been paid a total of £3.9 million and about £92,000 has been paid in income tax, leaving a surplus at the end of June of £176,000.

The trustees say they have already made donations to support two ventures for young footballers and they have set up a charitable trust.

Polytechnic firsts

First-class honours degrees awarded by polytechnics will be published tomorrow.

Disappointment on slow learners

By David Cross

Many children taking part in a new government scheme to help slow learners have achieved disappointingly low standards in English and mathematics, according to schools inspectors.

Their generally poor performance was in spite of strong emphasis on improving the basic skills of literacy and numeracy, the schools inspectorate said in a report on the lower-attaining pupils programme.

The scheme, which was introduced by Sir Keith Joseph, the former Secretary of State for Education, in 1983, is designed to make schooling more relevant for children in the bottom 40 per cent of the ability range in the fourth and fifth years of secondary school.

Nevertheless, the inspectors said, the success of the scheme was "likely to be seen long-term rather than short-term", when the better attitudes it stimulated towards schooling could be translated into academic performance.

One of the positive features to emerge from their study of 2,500 pupils in about 100 schools who took part in the first stage of the programme was that they became more articulate, confident and socially aware.

Describing some of the

worst features of the scheme, the inspectors criticized the extent to which the reading of literature had been neglected in many schools.

In one, for example, what literature was taught consisted of short stories, often ghost stories, and the teacher had not considered himself brave enough to study poetry.

In another school, some of the pupils' folders had little work in them, and what there was concentrated on "monotonous" subjects such as alcoholism, deprivation and nuclear war.

In mathematics classes, there was little work involving practical measurement to be seen, the inspectors discovered. There was also little evidence of pupils having the confidence to combine elementary skills to perform a complex task.

"It was depressing that in several schools pupils were not taught to use a calculator efficiently," they said.

In science, too, the inspectors expressed "their serious concern" at the quality of teaching in some instances.

A Survey of the Lower-Attaining Pupils Programme, report by HM Inspectors (Department of Education and Science, Publications Despatch Centre, Honeypot Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 1AZ).

Diseased smokers set to sue

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

More than a dozen victims of an arterial disease linked with smoking, which leads to the amputation of limbs, have come forward as potential claimants for what would be the first legal proceedings in Britain for compensation against a tobacco company.

The sufferers of the peripheral vascular disorder, known as Buerger's Disease, have contacted ASH, the anti-smoking group, after recent publicity of the case of Mr Bob Taylor, aged 30, a Liverpool community worker, who faces losing a leg because of the disease.

His case and the 12 new cases will form the core from which a test case is likely to be selected to claim compensation from a tobacco company. ASH hopes to obtain legal aid.

The organization is closely watching the progress of a test case in Melbourne, Australia, where Mrs Ruth Scanlon, aged 38, who is dying of lung cancer, is suing two cigarette companies for damages. She has been granted legal aid.

In parallel with the product liability proceedings, ASH is also launching a concerted campaign on behalf of non-smokers with a view to legal action against employers over smoky offices.

This will be the first time proceedings are brought before an industrial tribunal against employers for failing in their duty to provide a safe and healthy working environment as required by law.

But ASH is confident that within a year, with the backing of a trades union, such a case could be successful.

Warning over dangerous toy

Trading Standards officers are warning shoppers about a potentially dangerous new toy - an electric oven made of plastic. They say it appears to break all electrical and toy safety regulations.

Called the "Super Horno Magic Lily", it has instructions in Spanish and there are fears that children's fingers could easily reach electrically live parts of the toy or that the whole toy could become live.

Mr Ian Welch of Hertfordshire Trading Standards, says the oven, which stands for about £5, is heated by two 100 watt bulbs. Tests carried out by another authority have shown that the oven's temperature can rise to at least 145 deg C.

IRA terror trial

Informer 'tipped off' bomb police

A tip-off from an IRA informer helped police to foil bomb attacks on an Army camp and a public house used by soldiers and their families, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Raymond O'Connor, aged 30, a petty criminal, had become "actively involved" in plotting the raids on the Weston Army camp at Blackpool and the nearby Eagle and Child Inn, where it was intended to cause "enormous devastation", Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, said.

But Mr O'Connor went to the police because "he could no longer bear what was going on". From then on, he acted under police instructions.

He pretended to go along with the planning for the bombings and travelled to Dublin, where he met IRA men, including Mr Brendan

Swords and another man whom he described as a "Gerry Adams look-alike".

On trial is Thomas Maguire, aged 27, from Dublin with an address at Milbourne Street, Blackpool, who, Mr Amlot said, was a Provisional IRA intelligence officer and go-between.

Maguire denies conspiring between January 1, 1982, and April 27, 1983, with Patrick Magee, Patrick Murray and others to cause explosions in the United Kingdom.

On the first day of the trial, Mr Amlot told the jury that Weston camp housed the Second Battalion, The Light Infantry, which had a close connection with Northern Ireland and was a likely IRA target.

"The plot reached its climax in April 1983, when Magee and Murray appeared in

Blackpool to carry out the bombing," Mr Amlot said.

Nine months earlier, Mr O'Connor had approached Lancashire police and told officers of the plot, but he also told many lies, Mr Amlot said.

He said: "I tell you all this about O'Connor because he is a crown witness. He must be treated as an accomplice.

In February 1982, Mr O'Connor was arrested in Blackpool for shoplifting. Police found a letter from Maguire which was hidden in a police van.

In other letters Maguire gave Mr O'Connor the code name "Judy" for the Weston camp and asked him to "look at Judy at night time to see how she looks".

On April 12, Murray and Magee arrived in Blackpool. Mr O'Connor took Magee - whom he knew as "the

mechanic" - for a drink at the Eagle and Child. Then they walked past the main gates of the camp.

The plan was to place a bomb inside a van outside the Eagle and Child.

"In a crowded pub the devastation would be enormous," Mr Amlot said.

Mr O'Connor was escorted into court by plainclothes police officers and described how Maguire asked if he was interested in "helping the cause". He agreed and went with Maguire on a five-hour reconnaissance of the Army camp.

Mr O'Connor told the jury he became worried when he started receiving letters from Maguire. "Anybody could see from the letters what implications that might mean. I didn't want to get involved," he said.

The case continues today.

Ilea urged to withdraw 'homosexual book'

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Two government ministers yesterday condemned the use of a book in London schools depicting a young girl in bed with her father and his homosexual lover.

In an unprecedented move, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, and Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, appealed to the Inner London Education Authority to withdraw *Jennie lives with Eric and Martin* from all school libraries. They do not have the power to order its withdrawal.

The book was part of the controversial literature used in Labour-controlled schools which led many parents to demand government control of the way sex is taught.

Mr Baker yesterday described the *Ilea* book as "pretty blatant homosexual propaganda".

He added: "There are many good books on sex education

but I do not think this is one of them."

Ilea declared the book was not considered suitable for open library use but was willing to lend it on request and make it available to individual pupils in exceptional circumstances under adult guidance.

Mr Luce said: "The book's message to young and possibly impressionable children is conveyed through the unashamed use of photographic portrayals which could be read as possibly advocating homosexuality."

Special teams of inspectors will start operating in Inner London schools later this term in an attempt to raise the level of education, Dr David Hargreaves, *Ilea*'s chief inspector, confirmed yesterday.

The teams will pay special attention to language and literacy problems in primary schools and under achievement in secondary schools.

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Reporter was fairly dismissed

A reporter dismissed by the *Morning Star*, the communist newspaper, after disclosing on television how a Bulgarian agent offered him £80,000 to trace a KGB defector, has lost his claim for unfair dismissal.

Mr Graeme Atkinson, aged 36, told an industrial tribunal how he went behind his newspaper's back because he believed they would kill his story for political reasons.

He gave an exclusive television interview detailing how he believed the Bulgarian Secret Police had tried to recruit him after his newspaper sent him to the East.

The reporter was dismissed after the Channel 4 20/20 Vision documentary, *Spying for the comrades*, about Eastern blocs' intelligence agencies, featuring Mr Atkinson's visit to Sofia, was shown in May this year.

After the hearing Mr Atkinson said: "There is no doubt in my mind that the Bulgarian's wanted me to spy for them and because of my paper's well known political views, I felt I had to take the story elsewhere to be treated with the importance it deserved."

Doctor in Arab case denies plot

By A Staff Reporter

A Jordanian doctor accused of plotting a terrorist bombing campaign in the United Kingdom denies being a member of the extreme Abu Nidal organization, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Mr Jeffrey Thomas, QC, his counsel, told the jury that Dr Rasmi Awad "completely denies being a member of Abu Nidal and has no involvement with that or any other terrorist organization".

Counsel made his remarks as a Spanish police inspector described finding documents about terrorist targets in the doctor's flat in Spain. He searched it after Dr Awad was arrested in England.

The Spanish detective, whose name was not disclosed, was giving evidence at the trial of Dr Awad and Nassar Muhammad, an Iraqi.

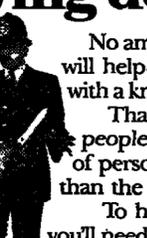
Dr Awad, aged 43, and Mr Muhammad, aged 28, a student, deny conspiring with others to cause explosions in the UK last year. The prosecution alleges they collected four high explosive grenades from a Libyan known as Mr L.

Earlier, the court was told that Mr L had received the grenades from a Libya Arab Airline officer at Heathrow Airport. He had informed the police who substituted harmless items.

Mr L, who was heavily disguised when he gave evidence on Monday, arranged to meet the two defendants and handed over the grenades while police two men were arrested by near Regent's

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Electricity cuts will mean up to 7% price fall

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Electricity prices are to be cut next month with consumers in some areas paying as much as 7 per cent less than they did a year ago.

The price reductions mean that the industry will remain highly competitive with British Gas, which is soon to be privatized.

The 12 area electricity boards in England and Wales are to meet next Tuesday to

complete the tariff schedules, which they will announce on October 1.

In South Wales, the cut has already been confirmed as 2 per cent in addition to the 3 per cent already ordered because of lower coal prices negotiated in the wake of the fall in the world oil price.

The largest of the boards, the London Electricity Board, which has more than 1.8 million customers, is expected to announce cuts in domestic tariffs which will amount to a 7

per cent reduction by the end of this year.

The Electricity Council, which oversees the operation of the area boards and the Central Electricity Generating Board, said it planned to make an announcement on the issue later this month.

The electricity supply industry, which has seen its market share rise by 4 per cent a year during the 1980s, has made it clear that it will remain competitive with British Gas.

public sector.

British Gas, which is likely to be floated in the City on November 21 at a price of about £5.5 billion, is expected to spend its first year in the private sector stepping up efforts to win customers from electricity.

The new price cuts could be reflected in bills seen before Christmas averages

SDP CONFERENCE

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Immediate pay freeze 'will not be needed' in programme on jobs

The Alliance did not advocate a pay freeze. Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, spokesman on economic affairs, industry and energy, made clear to conference at Harrogate yesterday, but it did believe should be an earnings limit based on average productivity growth.

Mr Wrigglesworth, MP for Stockton South, said that he accepted a pay freeze might be necessary at some stage, but he did not agree they should be calling for an immediate statutory one. They had to achieve a change in people's minds and persuade them they could increase their own prosperity by having regard to their own company and how it was performing.

He was replying to the debate on the section on jobs in industry of the SDP-Liberal Alliance consultative document, *Partnership for Progress*. He maintained that the programme outlined there, and spelt out in the Alliance budget priorities, could cut unemployment from more than three million to below two million in the lifetime of a Parliament.

The Alliance alternative could cut unemployment without pushing borrowing through the roof and without a new upward inflationary spiral.

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The Government offered only windy rhetoric, exhortations to people to keep wages settlements down. The Chancellor was running scared about pay and should heed the advice of the CBI who knew that settlements must be cut in half. The Alliance alone of the political parties advocated an incomes strategy. "We do so because if we are to channel expansion into new jobs here and not into imports or higher prices, if we are to keep industry competitive and if we are to encourage our companies to seek out new markets and develop new products, then as night follows day we must have a strategy for incomes."

He said that the earnings limit proposal would be backed by a payroll incentive of up to a quarter of employers' national insurance contributions, to encourage them to keep their labour costs competitive.

That would be supported by new tax concessions to employees permitting increases above the earnings limit through genuine extension.

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spent to restore Britain's run-down housing, crumbling sewers and congested road system. New capital spending of that kind would cut unemployment by 286,000 by 1988. A cut in income tax was the least effective measure to create employment.

A realistic view on unemployment was a reduction of a million over five years if a modest 1 per cent a year improvement in industry and exports could be achieved, Mr David Sainsbury, trustee of the SDP, said when he opened the debate.

"Not only does increased competitiveness create more jobs in the industries concerned, but the extra wealth that is generated can be used to create additional jobs in both the public and private sectors," he said.

That competitiveness could be increased by encouraging rivalry between companies at home and abroad and that meant raising the standard of education and training, and improving the way the financial markets worked. "Above all we need a massive effort to improve the skills of British management."

The only solution to our problems is to create a high skilled, high productivity, high wage economy. But, equally, we must make certain that wages are kept in line with increasing productivity and one of the best ways to do that is a mixture of profit-sharing and, if necessary, an inflation tax.

Mr Nick Bosanquet, Yorkshire and Humber regional council, said that on present policies there were likely to be four million unemployed by the early 1990s.

He called for a dramatic shift away from labour taxation, for Britain to join the European Monetary System, and for encouragement for new small and medium businesses.

The conference carried amendments requesting the policy committee to look at norms of fair pay based on job evaluation, at co-operatives and at fiscal measures which favour the recruitment of new workers and discourage overtime.



Mrs Shirley Williams, applauded by Dr David Owen, acknowledging the ovation after her speech to the SDP conference at Harrogate yesterday (Photographs: Peter Trierover).

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Restricted role for unions

The SDP was making the trade unions an offer which if they were wise they would not refuse, Miss Sue Slipman, a member of the group which drew up the SDP's consultative paper *Industrial Relations: A Fresh Look*, told conference.

She said that the relationship between the unions and the Labour Party was a big problem for the unions. It was one of the things which stopped unions from overcoming their schizophrenia and taking on a new role.

If unions wanted to represent their members, they must represent them across the spectrum of politics, Miss Slipman, the candidate for Hayes and Harlington, said.

"We say the unions will never have a role in a block vote in government. We will consult them but there will be no seat in an Alliance cabinet for the President of the TUC."

Miss Slipman said that the unions had a role within the industries in which they worked, industries with which they must begin to identify their needs and interests more closely.

The SDP offered positive rights in return for greater responsibility. They wanted a statutory framework of industrial democracy and would guarantee union recognition where employees wanted unions to represent them.

They also proposed better rights for individuals at work plus tax deductions for union dues, just as members of professional bodies had. They would set up a trade union fund so unions could streamline and take on a new role in industry. There would be positive rights in law, including the right to strike.

Unlike Labour, they would not publicly extol the cosmetic acceptance of ballots as a main change and behind the scenes restore the old destructive powers to trade unions.

Mr John Grant, SDP Trade Unions, said that the proposals on industrial relations would kill off the myth that the SDP was an anti-trade union party. If interested organizations did not see that they were very foolish.

"If the trade unions spurn it I hope they do not come whingeing to us after the general election asking to be brought in from the Thatcher cold. They ought to have learned the bitter lesson of the past, that government with the unions as opponents is perfectly possible," he said.

The SDP did not want to carry on that approach, believing democratic unionism had an important role to play. But the ball was now in the unions' court and it was for them to make a positive response. If union leaders chose to turn away they would not take their members with them.

Mr John Sewell, Cheltenham, said that Mrs Thatcher's attitude towards the trade unionists at GCHQ Cheltenham was entirely bogus and caused by pure spite.

Trade unionists were still working at GCHQ and national security was not under threat. A general election was coming and he urged them to hang on, it would not be long.

Mr Kenneth Horne, Kettering, proposed the issuing of free shares to employees. In his small operation this had revolutionized the attitude of the union members.

Mr Stephen Brooks, prospective parliamentary candidate for Ealing and Acton, said that from reading the paper one would think industrial relations was only about unions and employers and employees hardly existed. The unionized environment was the minority of cases of employment.

Mr Richard Layard, Camden, said that the only way to get the support of the unions was to be seen as the anti-employment party. An effective incomes policy was needed, but not a pay freeze.

The party should reaffirm its objective of reducing unemployment by one million in five years, and persuade the country it was willing to borrow more money. This was perfectly legitimate for a country to do.

POLICE

Judicial inquiry urged on Stalker

Unanimous support was given to an emergency motion that Mr John Stalker, Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, be allowed to complete his inquiry into the Royal Ulster Constabulary, and demanding a full judicial inquiry into the matter.

Blame for the confusion and public disquiet surrounding the affair was placed firmly on the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, by Mr Robert MacLennan, MP for Calthorpe and Sutherland, SDP spokesman on Home Office matters.

He told the conference that after an interview with Mr Hurd he was convinced the Home Secretary had grossly mishandled events.

It had been an act of high folly for Mr Stalker, an eminent, able and outstanding officer, to have been asked to

conduct dual inquiries which could have a relationship with each other.

An inquiry was inevitable and necessary.

Moving the emergency motion Mr Paul Besty, candidate for Eccles, said that Mr Stalker's reinstatement was welcomed but did nothing to allay suspicions that he had been nobbled by the RUC or that the Masons were involved. Public confidence could only be restored by an independent inquiry.

Dr David Owen, leader of the party, will wind up the conference with his keynote speech this morning. There will also be debates on housing and the need for a comprehensive test ban treaty.



Geoffrey Smith

The discussions of economic policy at Harrogate yesterday illustrated both the weakness and the strength of the SDP at this stage in its development. Once again the general impression that emerged was that of the party in between.

It is more determined than the Conservatives to do something about unemployment and it would, therefore, favour a more expansionist strategy with particular attention to programmes designed to create jobs. But it is also more alert than Labour to the dangers of renewed inflation. So, the increase in public borrowing that it wants is more modest.

All parties are speaking of the need for competitive efficiency these days: that is one of the side effects of seven years of Thatcherite rule. But David Sainsbury put the point with unusual emphasis for a non-Conservative conference when opening the economic debate: "We will only be able to put a large number of people back to work if we can improve the performance of British industry in all markets."

COMMENT

Wedded to an incomes policy

But while all this is sound enough, it is scarcely riveting. What economic policy does the SDP have to offer that is distinctive? It wants Britain to join the European monetary system and it remains wedded to the concept of an incomes policy. Whatever view one may take of British membership of EMS, it seems to me healthy that at least one party should be arguing for this at the next election.

The issue is important, and it has the rare attribute for an opposition policy that it might well win the assent of the Cabinet in a secret ballot. But I find it hard to believe that this is an argument that will capture the electorate's imagination.

There is much more likely to be dispute over an incomes policy. That applies inside the SDP as well as in the country, as became evident at an interesting meeting held by the Taxpayers Society.

The objections put by John Horam, the former MP and junior minister, struck me as convincing. Although the SDP is putting forward a new and more imaginative version of an incomes policy, many of the old criticisms remain valid.

The idea now is to use the tax system to restrict pay increases to a limit based on average productivity growth. Beyond that there could be increases above the limit, with the sweeter of tax concessions, if these were paid through profit-sharing or wider share ownership.

But, ingenious though this may seem, the effect would probably be either to impose too many restrictions on what ought to be a flexible economy, or to provide an unnecessarily bureaucratic and complicated form of encouragement for profit-sharing.

Without an incomes policy the rest of the package may seem worthy but rather dull. Yet this may not be so much of a disadvantage for the SDP at this time as political commentators are inclined to suppose.

HEALTH CARE

Return to policy of phasing out NHS pay beds

A return to the gradual phasing out of private beds in the National Health Service was decided by the conference in its policy-making role as the Council for Social Democracy.

A long motion, promoted by the SDP Council for Scotland, was carried, calling for an end to the exploitation of the National Health Service by the private sector.

The motion sought the repeal of the Health Services Act 1980 to restore the full-time consultant contract with no provision for additional private practice, and a return to gradual phasing out of private beds.

Part-time consultant contracts should ensure that the consultant spent an appropriate part of his time working for the NHS, with the introduction of added incentives financial and otherwise for those consultants who chose full-time contracts.

Other demands were the removal of private out-patient facilities from NHS premises and the gradual phasing out of the use of NHS laboratories and diagnostic facilities by the private sector, with the meantime guidelines to ensure that facilities were only used for private patients under certain circumstances.

Dr John Bancroft, on behalf of the SDP Council for Scotland, said that the whole issue was a running sore to the NHS and caused deep resentment. They should not give special privileges which invited abuse. Pay beds were a source of queue jumping.

The majority of doctors were deeply committed to the NHS and if they knew the SDP was deeply committed and not doctrinaire in its attitude to private medicine in its proper place the majority of doctors would be with the party.

The conference discussed policy papers on health and community care and changing and renewing the health services. A motion was carried endorsing their central proposals including a patients' charter and a call for a realistic increase in spending.

Mr Mike Thomas for the Alliance policy committee said in moving that motion

that the Alliance was determined not to fall into the trap of using the term community support as a euphemism for inadequate arrangements for the poor, while everyone who could afford it opted for better treatment elsewhere.

The motion also called for improvements in neglected specialties and greater decentralization of managerial control.

Mr Thomas said that the document *Partnership for Progress* covered all aspects of social policy, housing, transport, education, and social, health, environmental and voluntary services.

Problems in these areas could not be solved without collective action and public funding as the Conservatives claimed, and financial restrictions would not allow them to be solved all at once as the Labour Party wanted.

The Government's approach to the health service was essentially dishonest. It had made increases in funding, but these had not kept up with the pressures of the service.

The Alliance was pledged to private care services to meet the demands on them and to sustain their quality. That was one of the best ways of dealing with the problem of private health treatment.

Miss Sheila Wells (Edinburgh), moving on behalf of the SDP Council for Scotland the motion on private medicine that was eventually carried, called on the party to end the exploitation of the NHS. She said that they rejected outright the Government's encouragement of private medicine. The NHS should be separated from the private sector. Private beds should be gradually phased out.

Mr Roger Fox (Ealing) said he did not want private beds phased out. His health authority made £2 million from them which went towards more NHS work. Phasing out private beds would be the best news the private sector ever had giving them more work.

More private hospitals would be built and they would be built by the American hospital groups moving into this country and who wanted more profit from health care.

Labour decline to political margins foreseen

The Labour Party could be relegated to permanent marginal status after the next general election but the Alliance was certain to survive whatever the outcome, Mrs Shirley Williams, President said in her address to the conference which won a prolonged standing ovation.

The opinion polls were rubbish, she said in parliamentary and local elections the Alliance consistently performed at around 36 per cent and she advised punters to bet on the Alliance candidate in the forthcoming knowledge North by-election.

The constant phrase "the next Labour government" had a warning gap in confidence as deep as the Channel and she doubted very much whether Roy Hattersley believed it.

Mrs Williams whose speech won a prolonged standing ovation said "We look forward to the challenge of the next election with confidence. We will survive whatever the outcome. I believe the outcome will be good. The Alliance is here to stay. I am much less sure that Labour will survive. Three disastrous elections in a row could relegate Labour to permanent marginal status."

She condemned the hypocrisy of Labour's pledges on unemployment and the abolition of poverty. The Alliance had shown how its pledges would be carried out but Labour had not and went on pretending that by some sleight of hand those on £100,000 a year could finance their promises. It was rubbish, it could not be done and Labour knew it could not be done.

"The first priority must be to those without work, and only then can the rest of us decide to get richer. We have no right to make ourselves better off at a time when so many of our fellow citizens do not have jobs," she said.

The Alliance was strong and healthy. The commitment of the party to a twin-track policy on defence and disarmament was what the public wanted and understood. The pursuit of both goals did not conflict, they bound the SDP and its Liberal partners together in a common purpose. The reason to believe the Prime Minister might favour an early election was stark: the real economy was in deep trouble and it was getting more and more difficult to conceal that fact. Even



The City had become increasingly nervous. The cold reality was the emergence of a new recession. Unemployment was going up

The Government looked to "low tech" service jobs to absorb the unemployed. It was a prospectus for a third world economy. Britain was heading for a future which could not man a high technology economy and accepted the inevitability of technological and economic decline.

Mrs Williams called for greater participation in higher education and attacked government cuts when industry needed more graduates. She said also that she was not very pleased with some of the conference speeches on the issues, which were all too redolent of the old phrase "Pull up the ladder Jack. I'm all right."

The Alliance must be cautious in budgeting for expansion and for new jobs. It was hypocritical of Labour to speak of reducing unemployment by a million over two years when the party was unwilling to commit itself to any kind of serious incomes policy.

In town halls and county halls Alliance groups worked together as one Labour had never believed in the devolution of power to ordinary people.

SOUTH AFRICA

Thatcher stance condemned

An emergency motion condemning the Government's lack of any principled stand against apartheid and calling on the Conservatives to reach agreement on measures against South Africa with Commonwealth, European and American partners, was agreed unanimously by the conference.

Until there was one-person, one-vote in South Africa President Botha and his regime could look forward in fear to the arrival of an Alliance government, Mrs Sian Mathias, for the national committee, said in reply to a debate in which protests were made about the presence of representatives of the South African embassy.

She said that the SDP demanded the unconditional release of Mr Nelson Mandela, the legitimizing of the African National Congress, and the end of the state of emergency and repeal of the sweeping powers granted to the security forces. Until then they would continue to demand in opposition, and would institute in government, a series

of selective and effective economic sanctions against South Africa.

"As the heat of the fire in South Africa burns, as South Africa suffers the paralysis of a police state, as the list of the dead grows the British Government has reacted with a mixture of irresponsibility, obstinacy and evasion," she said. "Mrs Thatcher must stand condemned by this party."

The argument used by the Government against sanctions was the effect on jobs in Britain, which was a cynical, irresponsible and deliberately exaggerated argument. The SDP at least was prepared to pay the price for holding moral principles.

Mr Peter Leighton, parliamentary candidate for Walthamstow, moving the motion, said that Mrs Thatcher had taken no stand whatever on this issue. Britain was isolated in the Commonwealth and had forfeited its moral authority in the Commonwealth.

The message to the black community in Britain was that nothing was being done. Mr

Mandela was the only person whose wisdom and vision could ensure the killing and bloodshed ended.

Mr Humphry Berkeley, candidate for Southend East, said that Mr Mandela was a man of moderation, and his unconditional release was absolutely essential. There was terrorism taking place in South Africa, entirely on the part of the South African police.

The Rev Dr Francis Bridger, South Nottinghamshire, said that the two representatives from the South African embassy in the hall should learn what the SDP was doing, understand what democracy was about and take it home with them. Apartheid was evil and the British Government was perceived by blacks in South Africa and elsewhere not as its enemy but its friend.

Mr David Eccles, candidate for Bolton West, said it was not a question of whether economic sanctions would work; it was a question of taking a moral stance.

BRITISH COAL

Bargaining rights for UDM members urged

An emergency motion was carried expressing concern at the attitude which British Coal was adopting towards the Union of Democratic Miners, strongly implied by the imposed wage award announced on September 9.

The motion recalled the courage of the Nottinghamshire and other miners who attended the 1984 SDP conference in Buxton in the middle of the strike, and their commitment to genuine union democracy based on the secret ballot.

In recognition of their stand then and their present strength, the conference urged the Government to press British Coal to enter into meaningful collective bargaining with the UDM and to grant the union full access to the conciliation and consultation procedures.

Dr Dickson Mabon, for the policy committee said the National Union of Mineworkers had at one time been the most democratic union in the country. It should

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get rid of Mr Arthur Scargill and other revolutionary Marxists.

It was said at one time that the UDM was a bosses union but for a bosses union they had had a dreadful time fighting their sponsors, British Coal should not be allowed an alibi for failing to enter into full discussions with the union because legislation prevented them. There should be a coal industry Bill introduced for the next session to oblige British Coal to enter into discussions with both unions.

Moving the motion, Mr Stuart Thompson, North Nottinghamshire, said that it was an illusion to think the UDM had been receiving privileged treatment. The reality was that the managers of British Coal and the Government were engaged in a cynical operation that would end with the liquidation of the UDM.

By awarding pay to UDM workers only in pits where it had a majority, the board had left 6,000 loyal miners in the cold.

Research cuts could hamper projects vital for industry

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Universities have been told that there will be less money for research in future. Strategic projects vital to industry in the next decade are likely to be affected.

The warning comes from the Science and Engineering Research Council, which awards more than £200 million a year in government grants for fundamental research.

The council has already had its grant allocation for next year reduced by £17 million, before the process of assessing research applications has started. The deficit comes after rising costs of collaboration in international research at centres such as the European Laboratory for Particle Physics in Geneva, and in sharing costs of the new telescopes at observatories on La Palma in the Canaries and Hawaii.

The cost of international collaboration is now £60 million a year. In addition, a review of the advanced equipment needed to keep British universities abreast with research in the United States, West Germany and Japan shows a shortfall of £40 million.

According to Dr Ashley Catterall, secretary of the council, universities in Britain cannot give proper support for research of strategic importance to the future of industry.

The areas affected include the application of advanced computers to manufacturing, the development of the next generation of electronic materials, and work on optical computers and on the biotechnology needed for new approaches to the production of fine chemicals, pharmaceuticals and foodstuffs.

The rise in costs of international research has been exacerbated by fluctuations in currency rates. Between July 1 and 14, the council lost £7 million from its budget because of currency variations.

Such losses were a penalty of the rigid application of annual cash limits by the Treasury. The council is not allowed to put aside money to meet such a contingency.

The only way to compensate for the consequences of sudden fluctuations is to reduce grants for new research. Applications for new grants used to be divided between first-class proposals, or alpha projects, which would be funded, and beta and gamma proposals which would be considered next.

Under present conditions, almost one third of alpha projects will be rejected. The average grant is about £100,000. A shortage of £17 million means that 170 projects will be refused support.



Lesley Garrett (Yum-Yum) and Bonaventura Bottone (Nanki-Poo) adding a 1930s gloss to The Mikado, by Gilbert and Sullivan, at yesterday's dress rehearsal of Jonathan Miller's production for English National Opera, opening at the London Coliseum on September 27.

Better health care for inner cities urged by Liberals

By Jill Sherman

Health service resources should be reallocated to reflect social deprivation in inner cities, the Liberal Party says.

In a paper published yesterday the party claims that the present distribution system fails to take account of the extent of social deprivation in cities and the draining effects of teaching hospitals and other specialized units.

"Inner city residents are entitled to receive as good a service to meet their individual needs as any other group in the country," Mr Archie Kirkwood, Liberal health spokesman, said.

The party admits that some inner city health authorities are more efficient than others but inefficiencies could be caused by falling populations resulting in an over provision of services, and inherited outdated and expensive buildings, which need to be replaced.

The paper calls for new ways of injecting funds into urban areas, both through a more sensitive sub-regional allocation of health service funds and through forms of urban aid.

Inner cities often failed to attract health service staff, because of the high cost of living and poor working conditions, the paper said. It outlines new plans for

staff training and says that lower levels of training should be available for some students. Those students could be trained to undertake a wide range of duties which would release staff with the highest qualifications.

Primary health care also suffered in inner cities. Cities were peppered with old, lock-up surgeries.

Patients should be allowed access to their own medical records, the Liberal Party said in a separate paper published yesterday. Mr Kirkwood said patients should be able to make informed choices on the basis of all information available.

Mr Kirkwood, who introduced a 10-minute Bill on this subject last year, is working with the Campaign for Freedom of Information to persuade MPs to introduce a private member's Bill on the same lines.

The paper admits that in certain cases information disclosure would need to be restricted such as when it infringed the right to confidentiality of other people.

Health care in the inner cities. Liberal Party health panel paper 15. Access by patients to health care records. Liberal Party Health panel paper 14.

Mentally ill in need of guide to services

By a Staff Reporter

Mental health officers should be appointed in all health authorities to ensure that the mentally ill are getting the community services they need, Lady Trumpington, said yesterday.

Speaking at a conference in London, Lady Trumpington, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said she was concerned that schizophrenic patients in particular sometimes fell through the care gap because they or their relatives were unaware of existing services.

"What seems to be called for is a person who can act as a channel between families and services. My own term for such a person is a 'responsible mental health officer' and I would like to see this idea developed further," Lady Trumpington said.

Members of the National Schizophrenia Fellowship had complained that when a member of their family became mentally ill the initial reaction from doctors and social workers was that they did not want to know, she said.

Although the Government was keen to continue its policy of closing large institutions for the mentally ill, Lady Trumpington conceded there was a need for some long term hospital care but it needed to be local and accessible.

Denial of 'death' comment

A community leader who was reported to have said he hoped a sick police chief would die denied yesterday that he made the remark.

Mr Malcolm Popperwell, aged 52, assistant chief constable of Avon and Somerset police, was admitted to hospital with chest pains on Sunday after the police drugs raids and subsequent riots in the St Paul's area of Bristol last week. He was still in intensive care yesterday.

Mr Kuomba Balogun, aged 24, chairman of the St Paul's Community Association, was reported as saying: "On behalf of the community, I say we hope the bastard dies. I feel no compassion for the man and I will not be the only person in St Paul's who feels that way about him."

At the community association's headquarters yesterday Mr Balogun said: "I categorically deny making any such statement about Mr Popperwell." He added that he was taking legal advice.

Mr Ian Beales, editor of the Western Daily Press, which first reported the alleged remarks, said yesterday: "We stand by our story. We spoke to Mr Balogun twice and I am satisfied that what we quoted was totally within context."

Corsets 'concealed heroin'

An international team of drug traffickers smuggled millions of pounds of heroin from Pakistan through Heathrow Airport hidden in corsets, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

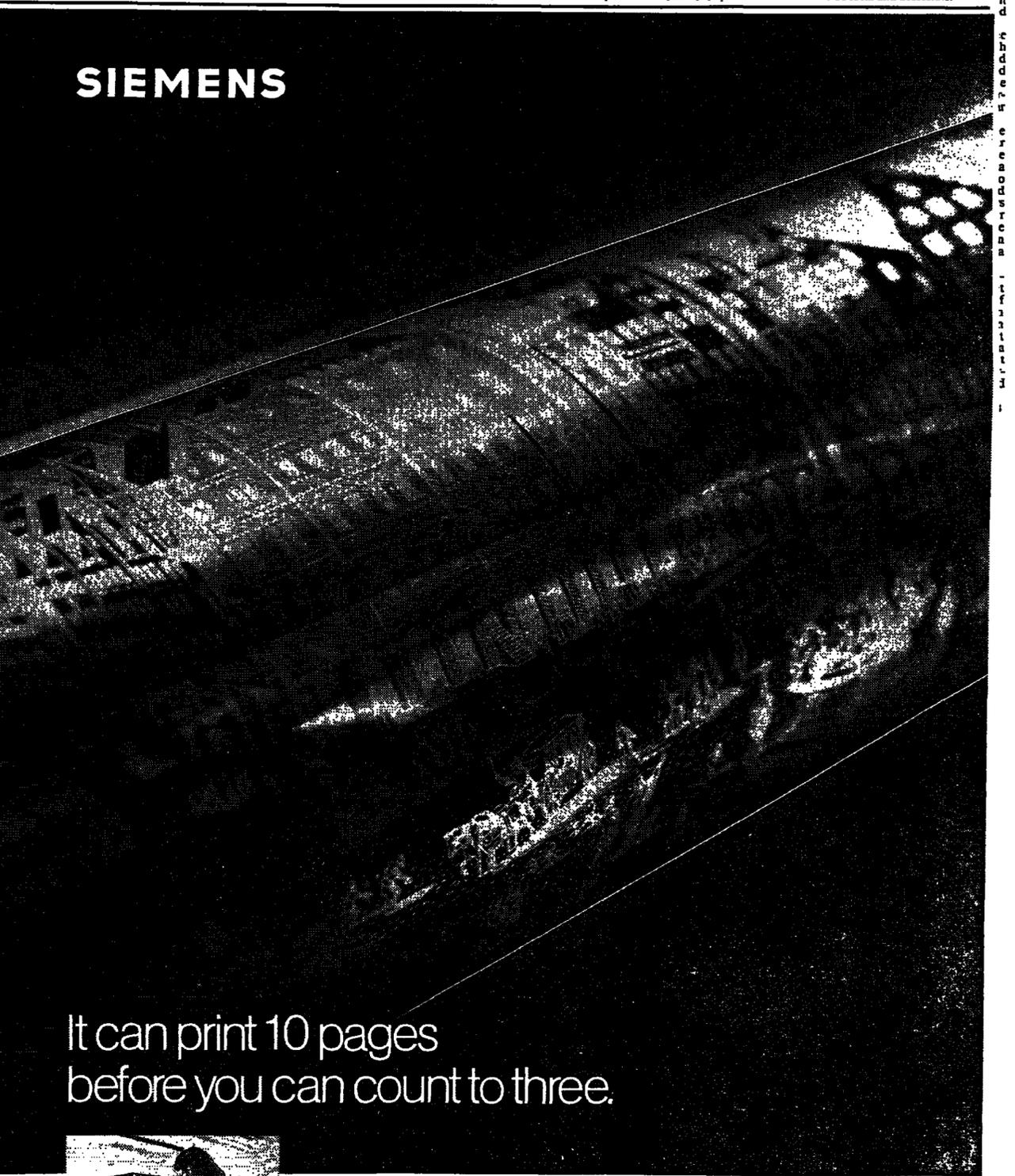
Mr Derek Spencer, QC, for the prosecution, said that hidden in a woman's corset worn by a Pakistani courier, the heroin was smuggled by air on the first leg of its journey to a transit lounge in a west European airport, usually Heathrow.

In the transit lounge the heroin was transferred to a British courier who took it on the second leg of the journey, which usually ended at San Francisco.

Mr Spencer alleged that the mastermind in Britain was Peter Dye, aged 40, a company director, of Ritchings Park, Iver, Buckinghamshire.

He and Clive Williamson, aged 29, an electrician, of the Farmlands, Northolt, Peter Davies, aged 40, a salesman, of Glyfield Road, Willesden, north London, and Paul Murphy, aged 29, a decorator, of All Souls Road, Willesden, all deny conspiracy to smuggle heroin.

David Millard, aged 37, a lorry driver of Erection estate, Peterborough, and Nasser Ahmed, aged 27, unemployed, from Pakistan, deny smuggling. The trial continues today.



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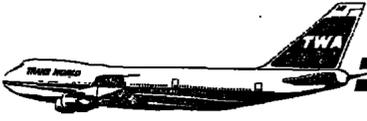
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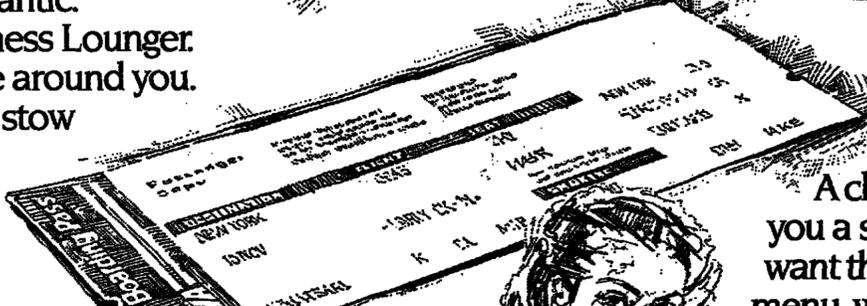
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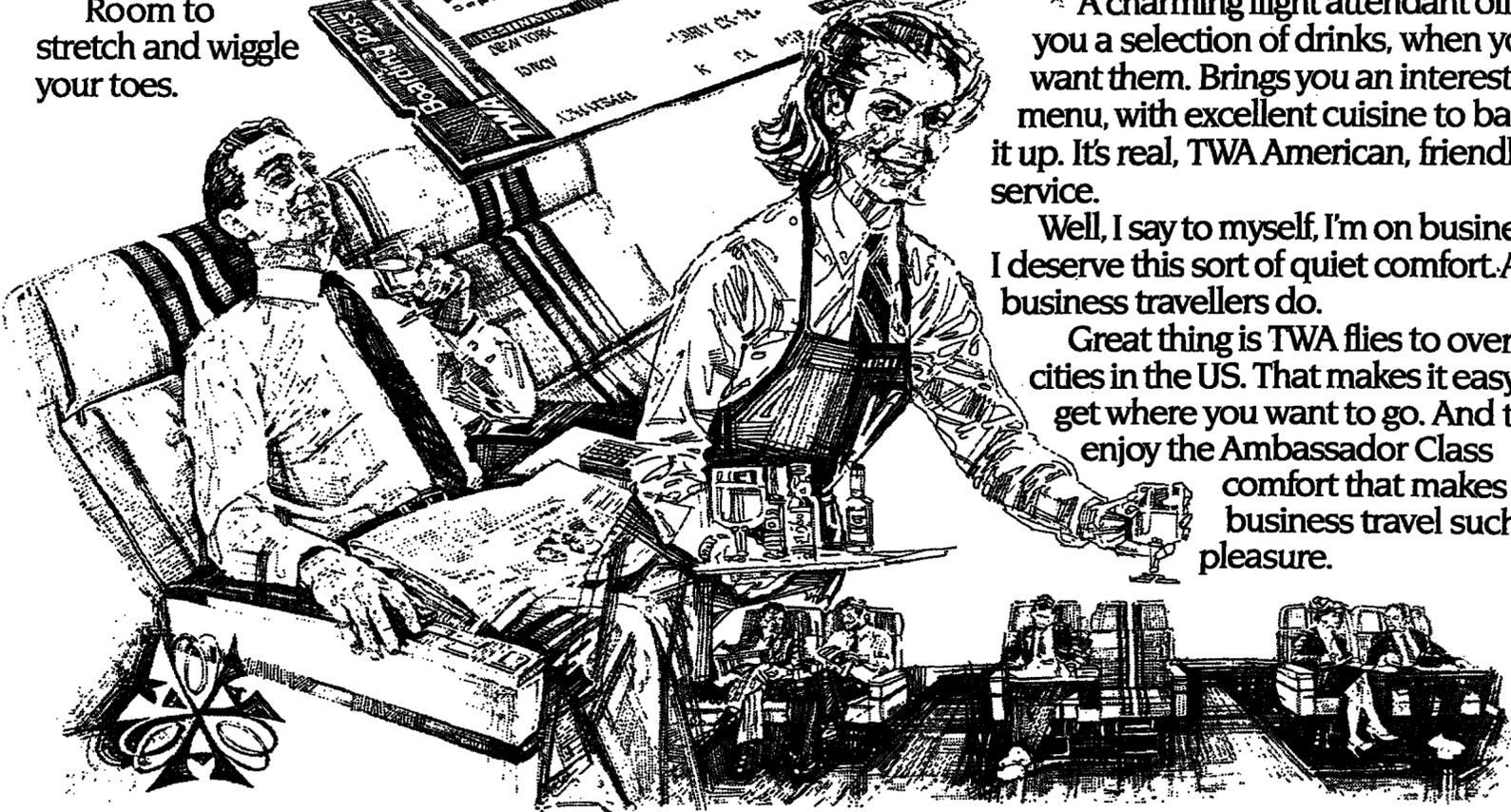
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Jihad prisoner's letter raises questions over US deal with Moscow

The letter carried Monday's date, three pages of scrawled hand-writing signed by one of the three American hostages known to be in the hands of the pro-Islamic Jihad organization.

"I David Jacobsen and my friends Anderson and Sutherland, we feel homesick and our bodies are sick and our psychological state is bad," it said. "What are you waiting for? For us to die one by one?"

Sometimes almost illegible, often ungrammatical, it was a carefully-timed piece of work, released by the organization with the specific purpose of asking the American Government a potentially embarrassing question: if it will negotiate with the Russians for the release of Nicholas Daniloff, the US journalist who was imprisoned in Moscow, why will Washington not negotiate with Islamic Jihad for the freedom of the three American hostages held prisoner in Beirut?

David Jacobsen's signature on the end of the letter was identical to that appended to a genuine note sent by the American hostages last October.

But the language was curiously stilted and lacking in fluency. One sentence lacked a verb. The names of two former American hostages were misspelt.

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Indeed, it was as if Jacobsen had been told what to write, the contents having previously been translated from Arabic.

That is not what Islamic Jihad said. Their own statement, a single page of typed Arabic, insisted that Mr Jacobsen had written his letter "at his own free will" and that the American Government "gave concessions in the Daniloff case which provoked many questions in the hostages' minds" as they compared the release of Nicholas Daniloff in Moscow with America's failure to negotiate for their own freedom.

The statement and letter were accompanied, like all recent Islamic Jihad communications, by a photograph of a grim, unsmiling Jacobsen in pyjamas.

He is director of the American University hospital and his colleagues there yesterday said the hand-writing was probably genuine although they suspected he had been instructed what to say.

Since Mr Jacobsen was kidnapped 16 months ago, it is unlikely that his English would have deteriorated and there is no obvious explanation in the letter for the strange inaccuracies.

The letter asks, for example, "why doesn't the Congress and request to solve our problem which has been (sic) for more than 17 months? Why has the Congress kept silent about the bad problems like Daniloff?"

"... Your gambling on time is the death for us and will not make our captors be less in their demands but they will be increased. That would be a big danger." The next half line of hand-written text was heavily inked out.

Mr Jacobsen - and it seems most likely that he did write the letter even if he was not always the author - sent greetings to his family in California and to the families of Mr Terry Anderson, the Associated Press bureau chief in Beirut, and Mr Tom Sutherland, the acting Dean of Agriculture at the American University, both of whom have been captives in the hands of Islamic Jihad since the late spring of last year.

Son fears for life of dissident witness in the Daniloff case

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The son of a Soviet dissident who refused a KGB order to compromise Mr Nicholas Daniloff, the American journalist, said yesterday he was afraid the Russians would kill his father to silence him.

Mr Alex Goldfarb repeated the fears he outlined in a letter to *The New York Times* last week that his father, who is critically ill in a Soviet hospital, may not be allowed to leave alive. His father, he added, could be a possible defence witness for Mr Daniloff.

Dr David Goldfarb, a geneticist, has diabetes and is being treated for gangrene. His son said Soviet doctors were considering amputating his leg. It would look "perfectly natural" if his father, who has a heart condition, died during the operation.

The Soviet press, he said, was attributing false statements to his father, and he went on to demand that Moscow produce him alive immediately.

He said in his letter last week that in 1984 the KGB interrogated his father, who had been granted an emigration permit, and wanted him to invite Mr Daniloff to his flat

where the KGB would be waiting.

When he refused to cooperate, they searched his flat, confiscated his research materials, accused him of trying to take state secrets out of the country, conducted a year-long investigation and took away his exit visa.

He said he was making public the incident because his father's story would be useful to Mr Daniloff if the Russians put him on trial and allowed an independent lawyer to defend him.

● MOSCOW: Mr Daniloff failed to reach yesterday the KGB colonel handling his case to learn if he would face further questioning (AP reports).

Mr Douglas Stanglin, also a correspondent for *US News and World Report* news magazine, said Mr Daniloff had telephoned every 15 minutes to the KGB investigator, Colonel Valer Sergeevich.

His release from prison was conditional on not leaving the Moscow area and being available for questioning any time.

Mr Daniloff said on Monday he agreed to call Colonel Sergeevich every morning. He was working yesterday at the magazine office and would spend most of the day there.



Mr Daniloff going back to work in Moscow yesterday.

Positive note in arms talks

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

A studiously positive note was sounded by both American and Soviet negotiators as they returned to Geneva yesterday for the sixth round, since March last year, of their negotiations on controlling nuclear and space weapons.

Since they recessed in late June, there have been further discussions between members of the delegations and other senior officials in both Moscow and Washington. The negotiations have been drawn in some measure into the general current of preparations for a possible Reagan-Gorbachov summit.

Describing the interim talks in the capitals as "serious and substantive", the chief American delegate, Mr Max Kampelman, said the US was holding to "an unconditional 50 per cent reduction in offensive continental range nuclear weapons as well as the complete and worldwide elimination of intermediate range nuclear forces".

He was careful to add, however: "We are prepared to consider interim steps in both these areas and have additional ideas to propose toward that end."

Similar aims were mentioned in the Soviet side's arrival statement, given by the acting delegation head, Mr Alexei Oboukhov - the chief delegate, Mr Viktor Karpov, is with his Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, for the meeting later this week with the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz.

He underlined that the Soviet Union also was definitely not taking an "all or nothing" attitude to these issues. They had returned to the negotiations with instructions to continue searching for "ways leading out of the impasse".

Income crisis fuels UN reform hopes

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

The United Nations began a new session of its General Assembly yesterday with the world organization in severe financial distress and its political credibility peace-maker under attack as seldom before. The financial crisis was triggered by the failure of many states to pay their dues.

The main theme of the session, which may be cut from 13 weeks to 10 because of the cash crisis, is expected to be the need to improve UN efficiency and restore the world body to something closer to what the founding fathers intended when it was created in 1945.

The newly-elected president for the session, Mr Humayun Rashed Choudury, the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, picked up this theme in his acceptance speech, urging the Assembly to make a conscious effort to break with its past.

Referring to debates which have become ever longer and windier and the avalanche of documents, he said: "No one has decreed that we must adopt several hundred resolutions at every Assembly session, just as no one has decreed that we must generate

mountains of paper every year which no one can possibly read. Let alone act upon."

Last year alone, the Assembly adopted about 300 resolutions, few of which - including those calling for Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan and sanctions against South Africa - have been implemented.

"Must we perpetuate a tendency to act as though the passage of a resolution absolves us of further responsibility for the subject in question?" he asked.

In a statement marking the UN-designated International Day of Peace, coinciding with the opening of the session, Senior Javier Perez de Cuellar, the Secretary-General, acknowledged that the organization faced "challenges to its viability and effectiveness".

President Reagan is due to address the UN on Monday. ● BANGKOK: More than 85,000 Indo-Chinese refugees in Thailand are getting less food because the UN High Commission for Refugees is running short of money as it nears the end of its financial year (Neil Kelly writes).

World bridge Knock-out for Britons

By A Bridge Correspondent, Miami Beach

One hundred and thirty-two teams started on the long trail to the final of the world knock-out championship. The final will end next Monday.

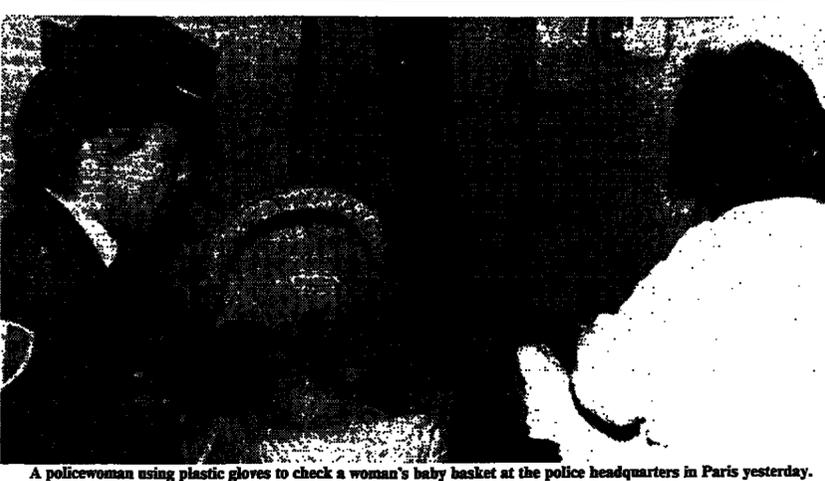
The teams began in three pools of 44, and the afternoon session reduced the pools to 32 with all five British teams surviving.

One of these, led by Irving Rose, was responsible for the early departure of the women's Olympic team champions led by Kathy Wei. The joy in the British camp was

short-lived, however, when all five teams were defeated in round two.

Tom Sowler, Paul Hackett and Justin and James Hackett, twins aged 16, were heavily defeated by a strong Danish team, and the Rose team went down to a French team after leading at half-time.

The London quartet, Cecil and Maurice Leighton, Nick Elliott and Trevor Barrett, were unlucky to lose by only three points to the French national women's team.



A policewoman using plastic gloves to check a woman's baby basket at the police headquarters in Paris yesterday.

Danes win good life accolades

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

Although foreigners living in Denmark often complain that the place is little more than a tiny Lutheran backwater and a provincial, boring if perfectionist, Noddyland with nine months of winter and 12 months of high taxation, a survey of 124 nations conducted by the University of Pennsylvania, ranks the country first in the world for quality of life.

This has come as something of a surprise to most of Denmark's five million inhabitants, who see their country's once sophisticated and liberal image threatened by mounting economic problems, racial tension caused by a growing influx of refugees from the Middle East and social unrest which has triggered serious clashes between squatters and police in the capital this week.

Recent European Community polls see the Danes, though, as the most happy of all people in the EEC, albeit the most irreligious.

The standard of living is about the highest in the EEC - but then so is the suicide rate - and for alcoholism and Aids Denmark is near the top, too; although this probably reflects more the superior precision of Danish statistics.

Denmark is on the surface a seemingly godless country, then, with a high material standard of living - much of it on the never-never. The Danes are staunch believers in bank loans, which are currently fuelling a domestic consumer boom, which is threatening the country's balance of payments.

Denmark is, however, beautiful geographically speaking with more than 400 islands clustered around the mouth of the Baltic.

With proportional representation rampant, the Danes enjoy an excess of democracy, some maintain, with consensus politics and coalition governments the order of the day.

No single political party has been able on its own to form a majority government in Denmark since 1914. Fifteen squabbling factions exist today, nine of them represented in the 179-seat Folketing (Parliament).

Short conscription and declining military budgets (only 2 per cent of gross national product at present) have also given Denmark a reputation for being a maverick member of Nato.

According to Mr Erik Kjersgaard, one of Denmark's leading historians, today's typical Dane resembles Dickens's Mr Micawber, who meets every defeat that comes his way with an optimistic certainty that "something will turn up".

The archetypal Danish Micawber knows that nothing is completely hopeless. He lives in a democracy and is utterly convinced that his country is the best of all possible countries in a far from perfect world.

He believes in the welfare state, free schooling, libraries, medical treatment, old people's homes and state-subsidised funerals and he is convinced that a detached home, car, colour TV and annual package holiday to Mallorca are among his constitutional rights.

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Bomb alert in Europe French police hint at lead as new terror threat emerges

From Diana Geddes, Paris

French police, embarrassed by their total lack of success in hunting down France's terrorist bombers, were hinting yesterday that they might finally have a tentative lead after interrogating 25 people of Middle East origin who were rounded up during a dawn raid on their homes on Monday.

But there is still little sign of any charges actually being brought. The police still do not know who is behind the committee for solidarity with Middle-Eastern and Arab political prisoners, which is held responsible for 14 attacks in Paris since last December, including three which failed.

The group, which has just officially admitted responsibility for Monday's bomb attack on the headquarters of the Paris police, in which one person was killed and 51 were injured, has now announced that "our next operation will be against the Elysée", the official residence and office of President Mitterand.

Far-fetched though it may sound, such a threat cannot afford to be taken lightly.

After all, have not the terrorists successfully attacked within the past week two of the supposedly best-protected buildings in Paris, the Paris police's own headquarters and

the Hôtel de Ville, where M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, has his home and headquarters as Mayor of the capital?

The Paris police continued to be inundated with suspected bombs calls yesterday. Among the many buildings evacuated was the Paris Bourse or stock exchange, the object of several previous bomb alerts. It has now decided to close its doors indefinitely to the public.

Similar fears of terrorist attacks have led the organizers of the Fifth International Jewish Film Festival, which was due to open in Paris today and run until September 30, to cancel all but the inaugural evening of the festival.

Meanwhile, Lyons, the second biggest metropolitan area after Paris, has greatly stepped up its security operations, fearing that it might become the next target for terrorist attacks, and also in preparation for the Pope's visit from October 4 to 7.

The first day of visa requirements for all foreigners, save those of EEC and Swiss origin, it passed off reasonably well yesterday, though with delays of up to an hour reported in some airports.

"This is not an anti-terrorist but an anti-tourist measure,"

one American commented caustically.

Yesterday also saw the arrival of the first French troops on the Franco-Swiss border to help patrol the thousands of miles of France's frontiers with seven foreign countries. But it will be several days before all 1,000 soldiers, promised by M Chirac, are deployed.

● VIENNA: Austria has appealed to Paris to reconsider its decision for Austrians to be included among those who will have to apply for visas to visit France, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said (Reuter reports).

● MUNICH: Left-wing West German urban guerrillas have claimed responsibility for a bomb blast on Monday at the offices in Munich of the makers of the West European Tornado combat plane, police said (Reuter reports).

● MADRID: Eta, the Basque armed separatist organization, has now taken responsibility for the car bomb attack in Barcelona last Saturday which injured four civil guards (Richard Wigg writes).

It brushed aside the previous claim of Terra Llure, a Catalan independence group.

● AMSTERDAM: Two small bombs caused minor damage to two civic buildings

Coal lifeline vital to South Africa

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Despite sitting on the world's largest oil stockpile - enough for 10 years at present consumption rates and increasing daily - South Africa is also the greatest user of coal and the world's fourth biggest exporter.

Its coal reserves have been identified for the past 100 years and as well as having deep-mined deposits it also has substantial open-cast reserves. In both cases, the coal can be cheaply produced because of a combination of geological conditions and cheap labour rates.

The reserves are of high quality, whether it be coking coal for the steel industry or steam coal for use at power stations.

South Africa, because it has no oil fields of its own and because it has a sophisticated power distribution system in all its cities catering for industrial and domestic users - the demand placed on power by air conditioning in the summer months is substantial - burns more than 75 per cent of production at home.

Total production is around 170 million tons a year, with

five million tons of coking coal and 40 million tons of steam coal sent abroad each year. It has 34 per cent of the world market for exported steam coal, although coal as a commodity is difficult to move.

Much of that goes across the border to neighbouring states and only very large shipments - above 100,000 tonnes - are exported by sea. Because of the size of shipments as well as political considerations, Britain has not been a traditional market.

Imports made by the power industry in the early 1980s came from Australia and any future imports are likely to be sourced from there. The ports in Britain which can handle shipments of that size are owned and operated by British Steel. Its need is for coking coal which it buys from the United States or Australia.

The bulk of South Africa's steam coal is sent to the coal handling ports in the south-east Mediterranean or into Rotterdam and Antwerp where it is transhipped to the power stations of the Rhine and Ruhr Valley.

Runcie seeks tough line

By Clifford Langley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, has criticized the Government for "appearing to temporize" with the Pretoria Government and seeks a tougher British line on sanctions.

In a letter to Mrs Thatcher, Dr Runcie, writing as President of the British Council of Churches, says that they are gravely concerned that South Africa is continuing in its

"denial of basic human rights to the majority of its people" on the basis of race.

His letter is supported by leaders of the Church of Scotland, the Baptist Union, the Methodist Church, the Church of England, the United Reformed Church, the Moravian Church, the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Quakers, and Presbyterians and Independents in Wales.

Royal standard heralds end of Kremlin bugbear

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

For the first time since the 1917 Bolshevik revolution, the personal standard of a member of the Royal Family was fluttering proudly last night outside the British Embassy, which - to the chagrin of successive Soviet regimes - stands in full view of the Kremlin across the Moscow river.

Ironically, the flag signifies the presence of the Duke of Gloucester, chairman of the committee that is charged with approving the design of a new embassy to be built on a far less distinguished site more than a mile from Red Square.

It will also fly for the next two days in place of the Union Jack on the Ambassador's Rolls-Royce.

A British spokesman told *The Times* that, according to diplomatic records, the Duke is the first member of the Royal Family to stay in the building, which has been both embassy and residence since the arrival of the first British Ambassador to the Soviet Union in 1929.

During his stay the Duke will be meeting Moscow's city architect.

Ever since Josef Stalin, Soviet leaders have made repeated attempts to oust the British from the imposing embassy premises. It was reportedly the unavoidable sight of the Union Jack from the Kremlin windows that most upset them.

The building was originally a private home built by a Ukrainian sugar millionaire in

1893. In May this year a protocol was finally signed agreeing to the move and to reciprocal plans for modernizing and expanding the Soviet Embassy in London.

The British spokesman said yesterday that the decision to leave the building, with its opulent wood-paneled interior and unmatched views of the Kremlin, had been taken with mixed feelings.

He said that the first of three other agreements with the Soviet Government over the move was to be signed within the next two months.

According to British sources, the move was accepted to primarily because the building had become hopelessly cramped for the staff.

In addition, the Soviet authorities had resorted to

some tough bargaining when they informed Whitehall that the choice of sites for the new embassy would be withdrawn and a new site "imposed" if a decision was not made quickly.

The Foreign Office then plumped for another riverside site, where the new building is expected to be completed some time in the 1990s.

The present building has a rich history and the rare ability, amid the drabness of modern-day Moscow, to conjure up some of the style of the 19th century, when it was frequently the scene of lavish entertainment and elaborate musical evenings.

The spot on the broad main staircase has changed little from the memorable night in 1912 when, according to the then British Vice-Consul, Mr

Germans drop refugee inquiry

Hamburg (Reuter) - The public prosecutor investigating Herr Wolfgang Bindel, the West German captain suspected of smuggling 155 Tamil refugees to Canada last month, plans to drop the case within the next few days, a spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman for the prosecutor's office said the case would be dropped because there was little legal ground for charges.

Soldier in death fall

London - A British soldier, Corporal Paul Connell, from Cornwall, became the eleventh fatality of the Nato exercise "Northern Wedding" when he died in a Norwegian hospital six days after falling down a 60ft chasm and suffering severe head injuries (Tim Jones writes).

He was attached to the 59 Commando Engineers based in Plymouth.

MP accused

Bonn - Herr Walter Kolbow, a Social Democrat MP, has gone on trial in Düsseldorf charged with breaching national security by giving a copy of the West German armed services' plan for 1985-1997 to a television documentary department.

Casino strike

Atlantic City (AP) - Union leaders vowed to shut down eight of this resort city's 11 casinos as 13,000 workers demanding more money went on strike.

Envoy moves

Jerusalem (Reuter) - Israel and Poland have exchanged technical staffs to arrange for restoring limited diplomatic ties severed by Warsaw 19 years ago.

Moose shot

Stockholm (AP) - A stray moose that got into a social insurance office and chased employees into the archives room was shot dead by police.

Oilfield blaze

Peking (Reuter) - A fire has been burning out of control at one of China's largest oilfields since August 31 and is destroying more than 600,000 of crude oil daily.

Blast claim

Beirut (Reuter) - An unknown Muslim fundamentalist group admitted responsibility for killing an Iraqi diplomat blown up by a car bomb in Pakistan.

Hotel attack

Paris (AP) - Pasha Taj-Jamil, a Syrian businessman from the United States, is in hospital with serious bullet wounds in the chest and back after being shot at the Plaza Athènes Hotel here. A man has been arrested.

Tanker docks

Dubai (Reuter) - The French supertanker *Brissac*, hit in an Iranian air attack on Saturday, entered Dubai dry-dock for inspection and repairs after two unexploded missiles were defused by French naval experts.

Revolt averted

Sydney (AP) - The Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, has dropped proposals for mineral exploitation of Kakadu National Park, heading off a revolt within his Labor Party.

Tamil swoop

Colombo (AFP) - More than 200 Tamil separatists have been taken into custody after what security sources described as a clean-up operation in eastern Sri Lanka.

Unifil backed

Beirut (AP) - The Shia Muslim Amal militia has called for a general strike and parades throughout south Lebanon to demonstrate support for the United Nations peacekeeping force, Unifil.

Robert Bruce Lockhart, a Russian naval officer acting as aide-de-camp for Lord Charles Beresford, was summoned to the telephone.

It was a call from his mistress in St Petersburg breaking off the affair.

According to Lockhart, without even replacing the receiver the officer drew his pistol and shot himself through the head.

Later, the author H.G. Wells stayed in the building during his visit to Lenin. He recalls in his book *Russia in the Shadows* a lunch with a number of strangely assorted guests waited on by one elderly servant, whom he describes as "morosely conscious of the meagreness of our entertainment and reminiscent of the great days of the past".

Ferraro's fall fails to stop female advance to high office Primary victories a watershed for women in US politics

From Michael Binyon
Washington

When Ms Geraldine Ferraro, Mr Walter Mondale's running mate in the last presidential election, was defeated and then forced out of the mainstream of the Democratic Party, it was said that women in American politics were on the retreat, that a more conservative mood had strangled their hopes of a political breakthrough.

Only two years later, their prospects look very different. Not for a long time have so many women done so well in primary elections. Whoever wins the mid-term elections in November will put more women into office as governors, senators and congressional representatives than ever before.

The primaries on Tuesday proved to be the watershed. Women won two Senate nominations, three for governor, 15 for House seats and a dozen for various state offices. In Nebraska, both Democratic and Republican nominees for Governor are women; in Maryland so are both candidates for the Senate.

And Mrs Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, daughter of the late Robert Kennedy, faces a woman Republican opponent to represent a Baltimore suburb in the House of Representatives.

What has surprised Americans is how quickly people have adjusted to the novelty. Indeed, perhaps the women's success has been because most did not make gender a feature of their candidacy. They ran

because they were the hardest-hitting candidates, with a better command of the issues and broader support than their male opponents.

Their successes were the more telling in areas where they faced seasoned opposition. In Maryland, there was a fierce race to inherit the mantle of Senator Charles Mathias, a widely respected Republican liberal who is retiring this session.

Miss Barbara Miluski from Baltimore, for the Democrats, faced both a popular fellow-congressman, Mr Michael Barnes, and the Governor of the state, Mr Harry Hughes. Mr Barnes, a prominent liberal, had resigned his safe seat in the Washington suburbs; Governor Hughes had all the advantages of statewide recognition. Yet Miss Miluski won handsomely.

She faces Mrs Linda Chavez, a former White House aide and one of a growing number of women Repub-

licans achieving high office.

They are only the second pair of women to contest a Senate seat (the first being in Maine in 1960). If Miss Miluski wins in November she will be the first female Democrat elected to the Senate who did not fill a vacancy left by her husband.

In Nebraska, Mrs Helen Boosalis for the Democrats is campaigning hard against Mrs Kay Orr for the Republicans. If Mrs Orr wins she will be the first Republican ever elected a governor in the US.

The all-women races have been as vigorous as any. As the Nebraska candidates put it: "This is no bake-off." They may agree on contentious issues like abortion — both oppose it — but they have not failed to exploit each other's weak points.

The voters clearly do not see gender as an issue. When a Baptist pastor, Mr Everett Sileven, tried to capture the Republican primary, saying

female leadership was a "sure sign of God's curse", he finished fourth with only 2 per cent of the vote.

Nevertheless, some women have made women's rights a prominent part of their platform. Miss Miluski, a feisty populist, has campaigned long in Congress for the Equal Rights Amendment, affirmative action and a woman's right to an abortion. Mrs Chavez, however, while deriding her opponent's liberalism, made her name in the civil rights field by taking a more conservative line while at the White House.

Mrs Townsend came from behind to win her nomination partly because she campaigned on the needs of working couples with children, an important issue to many women. One outspoken and familiar feminist who now returns after a 10-year break is Ms Bella Abzug, the former New York congresswoman, who is a Democratic candidate for a New York City suburb.

Altogether this year, women have won six nominations for the Senate, 53 for House seats, nine for governor, and 19 for lieutenant-governor. In the remaining four primaries, an additional 11 women are standing for these offices.

Nothing has changed particularly to encourage this female success now. Ms Ann Lewis, national director of a liberal Democrats' lobby, said the result simply reflected 15 years of steady progress that has been gathering steam.



Mrs Helen Boosalis and Mrs Kay Orr: squaring up to do battle for the Governor's job in Nebraska.



Arrests for new trial on murder of Aquino

From Keith Dalton
Manila

A special court yesterday ordered the arrest of the Philippines' former armed forces chief and 25 others whose acquittal of the 1983 assassination of President Aquino's husband, Benigno was overturned last week by the Supreme Court.

Additional evidence is being gathered into the killing which precipitated the overthrow of the 20-year Marcos regime, new witnesses will be called and other people could be charged, court officials said.

Police last night arrested two soldiers who were among those originally acquitted. The two were in a group of four escorting Benigno Aquino from an aircraft when he was shot.

The Supreme Court last Friday ordered the case reopened after finding that former President Marcos, orchestrated a "sham" trial.

Mr Marcos's former military chief, General Fabian Ver, and an Air Force captain could escape prosecution however, because both are in the US with which the Philippines has no extradition treaty.

General Ver fled to Hawaii in February with Mr Marcos. Captain Felipe Valerio went absent without leave and fled to the US in April.

Meanwhile, the Philippine Government, threatened with a "holy war" by disgruntled Muslim rebels, has included two more rebel factions in the peace negotiations it is undertaking to try to end a 14-year rebellion.

A government emissary, the deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Maminal Tamano, will leave on Thursday for Saudi Arabia to begin peace talks with two Muslim rebel leaders excluded from earlier peace talks Mrs Aquino had with Mr Nur Misuari, chairman of the Moro National Liberation Front, a rival Muslim guerrilla organization.

WASHINGTON: President Aquino was to meet international leaders as part of a drive to ease payments on her country's \$26 billion (£17.5 million) foreign debt. Her first meetings in a three-day Washington visit were to be with senior International Monetary Fund and World Bank officials.

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Errant Soviet missile 'crashes in China'

From Moksia Ali, Washington

President Mitterrand of France, with his wife Danielle, being welcomed with a garland of flowers at the start of a four-day visit to Indonesia.

The emphasis of Mitterrand's trip, the first by a French president to the former Dutch colony of 13,700 islands, will be on boosting business opportunities and military sales (Reuter reports).

But Indonesia, which has just been forced into the fourth big devaluation of President Suharto's 20-year rule, will be looking for cheap credits and ways of closing the large trade gap between Paris and Jakarta.

French exports in 1985 were 3,658 million francs (£368 million) against imports of 1,548 million francs.

French officials say the main thrust of his tour will be commercial, to promote French contracts and possible sales of French weaponry.

France sees good opportunities in airport construction, telecommunications, heavy equipment and tourism.

not be absolutely sure.

The sources said that the missile, which apparently carried a single dummy warhead and has a range of over 3,000 miles, was fired from a Delta 2 submarine in the Barents Sea.

The misfiring took place during extensive Soviet testing of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Errant Soviet missiles are usually destroyed in flight but the sources did not know why that had not happened in this case. There was speculation here that a short-circuit or other malfunction of the missile's electronic guidance system may have prevented actuation of the flight centre's destruction command.

On January 2, 1985, another misfired Soviet missile created an international uproar when it crashed in Finland.

Swing to Right sparks early Austrian election

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Austrians will elect a new government on November 23, five months earlier than expected — a move precipitated by a sharp swing to the right within the Freedom Party which elected at the weekend Herr Jorg Haider as its leader.

As the Austrian Chancellor, Dr Franz Vranitzky, yesterday met with the President, Dr Kurt Waldheim, so that Parliament could be dissolved next week, a bitter wrangle broke out between the Chancellor and Herr Haider on the

fate of Herr Norbert Steger, the Vice Chancellor.

Dr Vranitzky is keen on Herr Steger remaining in the coalition until the election. Herr Haider, however, has made it clear that Herr Steger's presence will mean only "another Socialist minister" in the Government.

As the Austrian constitution allows only the president to accept a ministerial resignation, Dr Waldheim may have to exercise for the first time his powers to settle the dispute.

Bolivia extends stay of US troops in drug fight

La Paz (Reuter) — The Bolivian Government has authorized 170 US troops backing an anti-cocaine drive to remain in the country until mid-November.

Señor Guillermo Bedregal, the Foreign Minister, said the Government decided to permit the troops to stay for 60 more days because the nation's police force needed more communications and transport equipment before it could continue to fight the drug traffickers alone.

The American troops arrived with six Black Hawk helicopters on July 14 to provide logistical support for a police drive against the cocaine trade. The offensive destroyed about eight cocaine processing laboratories.

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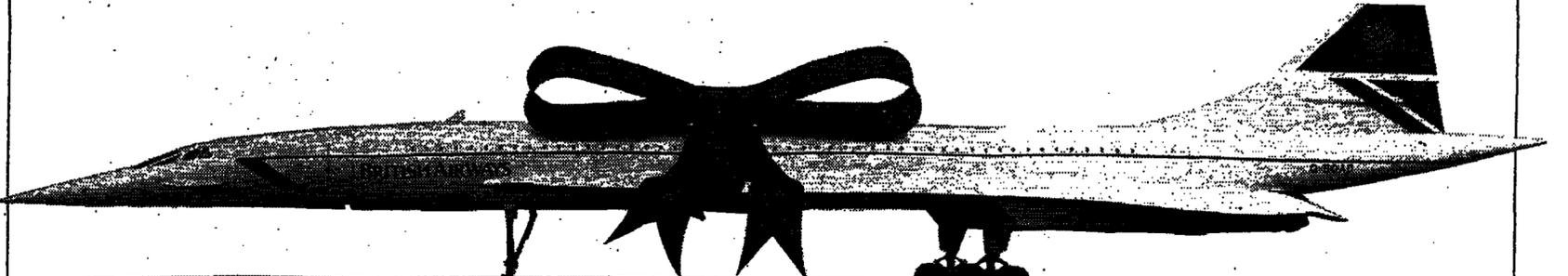
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The future has finally arrived and it looks, left, like nothing on earth. It lies under the seabed and it is manna from below - a huge, perhaps even infinite, source

of gas. Keith Hindley tells the story of a blessing that once looked more like a curse

In the frozen wastes of the Canadian and Siberian Arctic, crews drilling for oil were mystified. It was the late 1970s and the everlasting search for new sources of energy was being hampered by sudden, and sometimes violent, action far beneath the seabed.

The culprit was a bluish, ice-like substance that hissed menacingly as it melted. Today that substance has unlocked its secret and with it enough energy to supply the world for perhaps 5000 years.

The source of it, solid methane hydrate, represents an entirely new kind of gas deposit. So large and so widespread are the recent finds that a sharp upward revision of the world's known gas reserves is necessary.

Solid methane hydrate is a chemically bound mixture of methane gas and water that occurs as vast sheets or lenses. It looks like and is as stable as water ice when kept very cold but it readily decomposes on warming to give methane gas and water.

Geologists have found the hydrate at more than 80 sites in the Canadian and Siberian Arctic. More deposits have turned up on

the deep ocean floor off the coasts of north and south America, Africa, Australia and the Far East, in the Pacific, Atlantic and the Caribbean. Some of the deposits are vast.

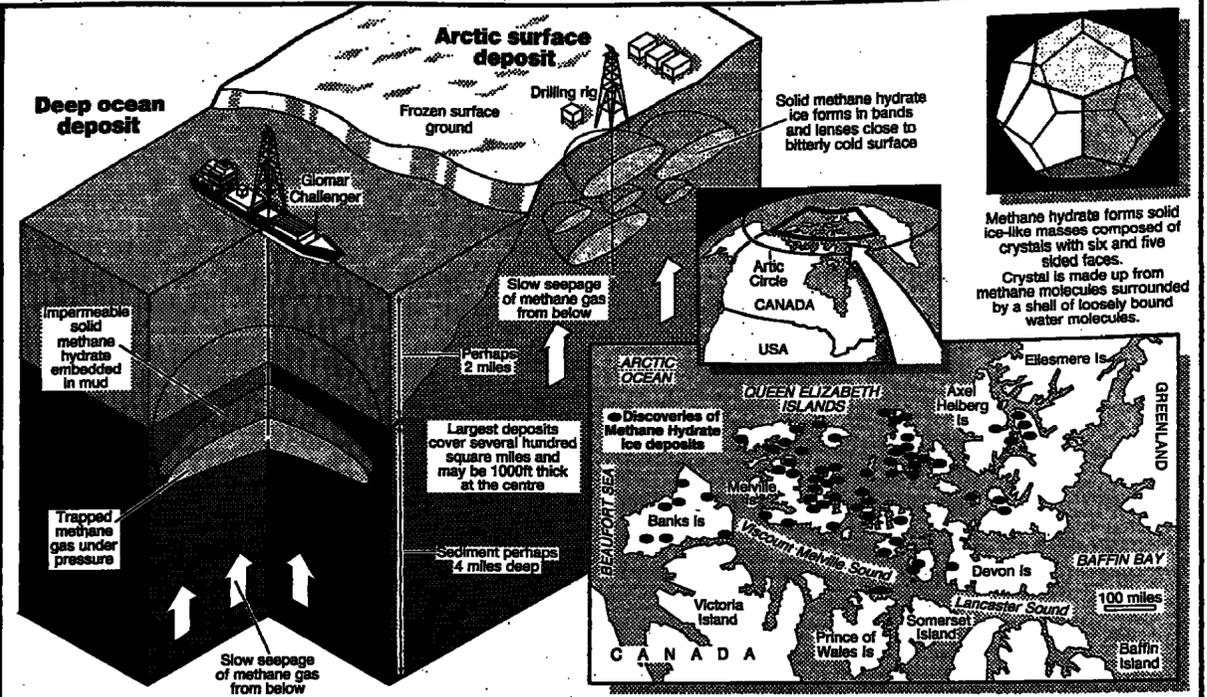
"In one region off the coast of Guatemala we drilled nine successive holes stretched over 200 miles and found the same 12 ft thick hydrate zone", says Dr Rodney Malone, project manager for the gas hydrate programme at the Morgantown Energy Technology Center in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Dr Don Davidson, a chemist at the National Research Council of Canada in Ottawa, has made the hydrate in the laboratory and found that it forms very easily provided it is kept stable. More importantly, Davidson found it as easy to melt as water ice, and on melting it instantly decomposes to release its gas burden.

Gas hydrates are weird ices made up from any one of nearly 200 gases trapped in a framework of water molecules. The first was made by British chemist Humphrey Davy more than 150 years ago, but nobody understood their structure until the 1950s.

Davidson's work showed that methane hydrates could also form on the ocean floor more than two thirds of a mile down. There, pressure rather than low temperature renders the solid stable. Samples of the hissing ice have turned up in mud and sediments excavated as part of the international deep sea drilling project, which has sampled the sea floor all over the world, using the drill ship *Glomar Challenger*.

The hydrate also explains anomalies found by geologists studying the sea bed using shock waves from small explosions. Bright "bottom simulating reflectors" usually indicate large deposits of gas but these should never form in weak sediments



Harvest of the sea, challenge of the scientists: where the gas is, what the gas is and how the seabed stores it. *Glomar Challenger's* pioneering has opened the door to security

without an impermeable rock cap to trap them. But a thick layer of frozen methane hydrate provides just such a trap, and it is a self-perpetuating and self-sealing cap. As gas slowly percolates upwards it forms solid hydrate close to the surface and spreads outwards as long as the gas source from below continues.

This gas could come from bacteria close to the surface or from decomposing organic material deeper down, but Professor

Thomas Gold at Cornell University believes that the deep rocks of the earth are rich in methane and this almost inexhaustible source could explain the sheer size of the methane hydrate deposits.

Hydrate will form anywhere where the temperature is low enough or the pressure high enough. Russian geologists estimate that at least 85 per cent of the deep ocean floor is suitable territory and they think reserves are at least 30 million billion cubic

feet of gas - six times the world's current known conventional deposits, which would last for 300 years at present consumption rates. But some American authorities say the total could be as high as 500 billion billion cubic feet, enough for 5000 years.

Surface sea water at just 20 degrees Centigrade would be warm enough to melt the hydrate if it was pumped down to the sea bed. Even in the Arctic, one would only have to burn 7 per cent of the

gas evolving to heat enough air to keep up a steady flow of gas. The Russians have already carried out preliminary experiments using steam and hot gases to melt and extract the solid methane, but the first serious attempts to recover the gas will be made at sea using warm water to release the gas and giant underwater umbrellas to gather it and pipe it ashore. Either way there are currently too many conventional gas deposits to exploit for hydrate to be commercially viable yet. The oil and gas industries still regard it as a nuisance and are anxious only to drill through it and seal off the deposits they find by lining the holes.

Serious commercial exploitation will come in 50 to 60 years when conventional gas deposits begin to give out. The Russians may be first to try, but the offshore Californian deposits would be equally attractive. Alternatively, industrialized countries with limited oil and gas deposits - like Australia, Ireland or Spain - could exploit the reserves that

undoubtedly lie in deep water just off their shores. The deposits could also prove vital to nations with no fossil fuel reserves at all. And Britain's action in defence of the Falkland Islands could prove to have been a canny decision economically for the vast areas of prime methane hydrate real estate that surround the islands. Initial interest may centre on the natural gas that is always trapped beneath the frozen-hydrate layers. Either way, the new finds will give the world a fresh energy source for the next century.

The finds could even explain a maritime mystery or two. The disappearance, with no apparent cause, of sturdy ships could have been brought about by volcanic activity on the sea floor releasing from methane hydrate deposits, huge volumes of gas that would expand rapidly as they rose. The resultant waves could easily swamp a ship.

So we may have not only an infinite source of power but an end to the infinite speculation over the Bermuda Triangle.

PROVEN - THE BRITISH THEORY THEY ALL LAUGHED AT

The one man who was not surprised to learn that there are prodigious deposits of methane gas deep below the earth's surface is Professor Thomas Gold, an expatriate Briton working at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York state. He predicted more than a decade ago that vast quantities of methane would be found saturating the earth's deep rocks. At the time, the notion was ridiculed by geologists. He believes that many phenomena such as gas leakages before earthquakes and mud volcanoes and their inflammable gases all lend support to the idea. Professor Gold had been hoping for vindication from a

Swedish expedition which is driving a deep well beneath an ancient meteorite crater but he may get it sooner than he thought from methane hydrate deposits if they turn out to be as extensive as they appear. Professor Gold has developed a number of highly controversial ideas over the years. With Herman Bondi and Fred Hoyle, he proposed the now-defunct steady state theory of the universe. He put up the correct explanation for the steady bleeping of pulsar radio sources but got it wrong when he suggested that the moon might be deeply covered in dust.

Mi come, mi seh, mi conquer

Professor P. Lal is an Indian writer and publisher who runs a regular writers' workshop at his home in Calcutta. Philip Larkin called him "my contact and my pal", and his circle has also included the novelist Anita Desai. He works - not in Hindi, Urdu, or any of the languages that make up the subcontinent's linguistic patchwork - but in Indian English.

In the 1960s, his efforts on behalf of an *Indian English* were considered laughable. Today, he is widely respected. "English", he says, making a crucial distinction, "is not my mother's tongue, but it is my mother tongue."

The single most important fact about English today is that the "mother's tongue" speakers of the language are in a clear minority. Concentrated in Britain, the United States and the white Commonwealth, they total some 350 million. But they are dramatically outnumbered by those - like Professor Lal - for whom English is a "national" or even a "second" language.

In this empire, far vaster than that on which the sun would never set, it has been calculated that perhaps as many as a thousand million are using English as the essential lingua franca of our times.

In the words of the novelist Salman Rushdie, "English, no longer an *English* language, now grows from many roots; and those whom it colonized are carving out larger territories within the language for themselves. The Empire is striking back."

India offers a textbook illustration of the argument that it's the periphery and not the centre that is influencing English today. Dr M.P. Jain of the Indian Institute of Technology is collecting Indian Englishisms: words borrowed from Indian languages like *bhəri* (a fish farm), *dacoli* (a bandit) and *crores* (a million), together with fascinating hybrids such as *mixygrinder* (a food blender), and *eye-teaser* (a man who harasses women).

To illustrate the distinctiveness of this "new English" Dr Jain cites the example of Indian students who can no longer understand the Standard English of their textbooks. "We now have a very interesting industry in India," he says, "in which books written by American or British authors are reshaped into a kind of Indian English."

For Professor Lal, the emergence of an Indian expression to English is a cause for celebration. "In 15 or 20 years we might have evolved a language which is so truly and richly and uniquely and indig-

Today's Third World patois could become tomorrow's standard English if the language develops along its present lines



enously our own that you will need to carry a tourist guide, with footnotes, to know what these words mean." The development of such a language may take longer than that. After all, there are the Indian mother tongues, in which the vast majority of the population finds self-expression.

But in the Caribbean - another "new English" society - there are no such alternatives. The English-speaking Caribbean has always enjoyed a speech continuum from the deepest creole to a virtual Standard English. In the past, Caribbean talk might be called "the dialect" or "patois". Now Caribbean nationalism suggests a more sophisticated approach. The poet Eddie Brathwaite prefers to talk of "nation language" - the word "dialect" has so many pejorative overtones. It is broken English. "Nation language" suggests the kind of authenticity which is now becoming part of our expression."

In the 1970s, that expression found voice in reggae and the dub poems. One of the most famous begins: "Mi seh mi cyan believe it" - a far cry from the English of Oxford, Fowler and Webster. Today, language radicals are fighting for the recognition of "nation language" at government level. Dr Hubert Devonish, of the University of the West Indies, is putting street talk on to street signs. In his experiments "No right turn" becomes "No ton rait"; "No overtaking or passing" becomes "No uvatiek nar pass"; "No parking between these signs" becomes "No paak between dem sain ya".

In Sierra Leone, there's Krio, a fully-fledged local creole, recently codified by the Oxford University Press in *A Krio-English Dictionary*. Krio is an official language of government, spoken by President Siaka Stevens and many of his people. A means of news broadcasting and a literary form much favoured by playwrights. Eighty per cent of Krio is derived from English, but it appears in a form that is barely recognizable. So "May I go with you?" becomes "A kam falu you?" In the Krio transcription of Shakespeare, *Is You Like It* becomes *U Di Kiap Fi*.

It is not hard to imagine a new generation of West African writers - the heirs of Amos Tutuola and Chinua Achebe - turning, with government encouragement, to Krio as a form of English at once locally authentic and yet widely recognized throughout West Africa.

intelligible. It's this, some have suggested, that could mark the beginning of an alternative network of "new English" communication. The creolist Loreto Todd has already argued that it is the world's pidgins and creoles that make up the genuinely global, democratic language. Enter Dr Robert Burchfield, the retiring Chief Editor of the *Oxford English Dictionary*. In 1978 Burchfield gave a lecture in Chicago which hit the world's headlines. His thesis was that British and American English were slowly but inexorably diverging towards mutual unintelligibility. He has since enlarged the argument to include world English in all its varieties.

Comparing the emergence of the "New Englishes" to the spread (and subsequent break-up) of Latin, Burchfield's argument has been that, just as Latin became French, Spanish, Italian, and other European languages, so - over a period of centuries - will English disintegrate into separate languages.

Faced with some forms of "new English" one might be tempted to agree. But this is to ignore the immense forces of standardization. The world of international communications, science and technology, trade and finance speaks and writes Standard English, either British or American.

Beneath this thin crust of uniformity there are indeed powerful local energies finding local authenticity and meaning in literary as well as oral modes, but these varieties do not necessarily threaten a new Babel. Recognizing a plurality of English today we get closer to the world's view of English. The result of the imperial export of language and culture throughout the 19th century is that the language of that process is now beginning to transcend its imperial origins and find an expression which, though rooted in the past, is not crippled by it.

Robert McCrum
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The Story of English, by Robert McCrum, William Cran and Robert MacNeil, is published tomorrow by BBC/Faber at £15. The television series on which the book is based starts on September 22 (BBC 2, 8.05 pm).

In the early hours of a cold October morning in 1960, a tired Presidential candidate, John F Kennedy, spoke from the steps of the University of Michigan's student union. "How many of you are willing to spend 10 years in Africa or Latin America or Asia working for the US and working for freedom?" he challenged the audience of 10,000 students.

In September of the following year, with Kennedy in the White House, the Peace Corps was born. Now it 25 years old. There are 6,000 volunteers in 61 countries, people whose work is unsung, forgotten - and unwanted by much of a deeply-suspicious Third World.

Most of South America will have nothing to do with it and the extreme right in the US ceaselessly fires pot-shots at it. Nevertheless the Peace Corps survives in the grubby, fly-blown outbacks of the world, an ideal from another era. Volunteers go quietly abroad for two or three years without any of the rousing fanfare or the missionary zeal inspired by Kennedy. Nobody notices them leave any more. Many Americans seem to have forgotten that the Peace Corps exists.

Volunteers may find themselves assailed as CIA operatives or, in the modern rhetoric of the Third World, as cultural imperialists. Yet they keep existing. And they often find, too, that the assassinations of Kennedy and Martin Luther King, the Vietnam War, Watergate, the invasion of Grenada and hostile policies in Latin America have sullied the name of America.

The Peace Corps was sometimes used as a pawn in global politics, so that countries that once courted it suddenly expelled it, demolishing a bridge between a politically assertive Third World and a changing America.

The anniversary is being celebrated with the publication in America of *Making A Difference: The Peace Corps at Twenty-Five*, in which Sargent Shriver, the Peace Corps' first director, writes: "Regrettably, I acknowledge it will require more time and still greater effort for the vision of the Peace Corps to win the world. That a pugnacious nationalism seems once again to be sweeping over our country does not so much mean that the Peace Corps has failed as that it has not tried hard enough." What role does the Peace Corps have now? Loree Miller Ruppel, its director, laments

A dream survives reality

The Peace Corps at 25 is bloodied but unbowed



Sargent Shriver: not failed, but not tried hard enough

that she is confronted frequently by the question: "Peace Corps? Is it still around?" Many people think of it as an anachronism in a world that seems more belligerent, more political.

President Nixon hated it (the more so because of anti-

Vietnam protests by its volunteers) and tried to bury it altogether. For a while it was subsumed into a larger government agency. It has re-emerged today as a smaller, more pragmatic organisation, its volunteers rather older (the median age is just under 30) and more skilled than they were.

Its first two purposes are to contribute to economic development and to promote a more favourable view of the United States in other countries. The third purpose, which today seems somewhat out of tune with America's increasing sense of isolation, is "to help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of the American people."

The 120,000 former volunteers are perhaps the most durable legacy of the Peace Corps. They form a constituency that is flexing its muscles, steadily asserting a unified, liberal stand in foreign policy.

The Heritage Foundation, reflecting the far right's suspicions, alleged in a 1984 report that in the late 1960s and early 1970s the Peace Corps became a haven for those opposed to American foreign policy. But the spirit of the Peace Corps lives on. During the African famine in January, 1985, it appealed for applicants with agricultural skills: 20,000 people called in.

Christopher Thomas

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1056

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1 Light (6), 4 Serious (6), 7 Weak (4), 8 Recover by allowance (4,4), 9 Upper body armour (8), 13 Toy gun explosive (3), 16 Solomon Order Crusader (6,7), 17 Male cat (3), 19 Brass cannon (8), 24 Wild charge (8), 25 Threesome (4), 26 Ran off (6), 27 Shake (6). DOWN: 1 Valley (4), 2 Topical conference (9), 3 Wall recess (5), 4 Urbane (5), 5 Bar flap (4), 6 Tourist magnet (5), 10 Raj title (5), 11 Dreamer's fruit (5), 12 Madras language (5), 13 Mammary secretion (9), 14 Larboard (4), 15 Light sketch (4), 18 Surplus (3), 20 Change (3), 21 Not suitable (5), 22 Give off (4), 23 Hard up (4). SOLUTION TO NO 1055: ACROSS: 1 Harass, 5 Gibe, 8 Oared, 9 Arsenal, 11 Unwieldy, 13 Dory, 15 Control column, 17 Oath, 18 Colossal, 21 Sibling, 22 Clog, 23 Nest, 24 Rumpage. DOWN: 2 Arrow, 3 Aid, 4 Scandalmonger, 5 Gash, 6 Bandeau, 7 Log, 20 List, 20 Coo.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Should a woman married to a divorced man subsidize his maintenance payments? Liz Gill spoke to some who have lived to regret the day they agreed to

Judith married for the first time in her early 30s, bringing to the marriage a Hampstead flat, a good salary from her job in advertising and a comforting little nest egg her grandmother had left her.

Scarcely three years after his second wedding, his first wife claimed an increase in maintenance and now, with a toddler of her own and another baby on the way, Judith is contemplating the prospect of subjecting her entire personal finances to court scrutiny — and the likely erosion of her hard-won assets.

"Emotions apart," she says, "I honestly think I would not have married Graham if I'd known what a mess it was all going to be. At a time when you'd reasonably think I could look forward to being better off, I'm faced with losing what I've got."

"I appreciate a man has to support his children, but I'm damned if I'm going to keep his first wife in designer jeans."

Her *cri de coeur* is typical of the woman caught in the curious modern phenomenon whereby the law and marital mores combine to set first and second wives at each other's throat.

The resultant drain on the couple's money, the new wife's anger and insecurity — especially where her children are concerned — and the husband's frustration can have extreme consequences.

according to Margaret Oddie of the conciliation service Mediation in Divorce.

"We come across the problem quite regularly," she says. "Maintenance requests from a first wife can and do threaten the stability of the new relationship."

Social policy researcher Alex Goldie — who is studying the position of second wives for a doctorate at Cranfield Institute, Bedford — comments: "I've encountered feelings of immense outrage, even violation, from these women. No wonder so many second marriages crumble under such pressures."

The legal position is still rather muddy, he says, but in essence it is this: a first wife can make a claim for an increase in payments, either for herself and her children or for herself alone, solely on the basis of an improvement in her ex-husband's circumstances.

"When it comes to court, her solicitor can, and invariably does, ask for the second wife to submit an affidavit of means, which sets out everything in precise detail: gross income, fringe benefits, savings, property, the lot."

"She can refuse to do this — though her husband can't — but if she does she can be subpoenaed to appear in court. Or they make assumptions about her, on the basis of questions that her husband is obliged to answer — for example, about the type of job she has — and often the assumptions

can be worse than the reality. This information is fed into a complex equation to determine how much the husband can afford to pay his ex-wife.

In theory, the law says that the husband is not ordered to pay any more simply because his second wife is well-off on the other hand it says that if he is relieved of the need to support his second family in various ways because she is contributing to it, he can afford more. In practice, of course, the effect is that the second wife subsidizes the first.

The net effect can be bizarre. A second wife often finds that the whole of her input into the partnership is offset by what the man is paying out.

She is in just such a position. She is 46, a headmistress whose husband is 20 years her senior.

He is now retired and half his university lecturer's pension is siphoned off to his first wife. Their children are grown up but, while maintenance commitments to offspring last until the end of their full-time education, the commitment to a divorced wife can last a lifetime.

"They were divorced in 1972," Sue says. "I was cited, although I know she wanted rid of him. Since then she's been coming back for another nibble at his money about every three years."

"Everything has been fought on the basis that I'm a wealthy woman; but you don't go into teaching if you want to be wealthy. They've even done things in court like mention my horses — which sounds very extravagant, but in fact they're a couple of old nags I share with the local farmer."

"I might like to retire early or start a business venture or something, but we'd just be too poor. We'd be living on something like £5,000. I try not to let it get me down because that would be like her winning, but I do get very cross because there seems to be no end to it."

"Obviously when a marriage breaks down you have to compensate women for loss of career prospects and make provision for the children, but it should be worked out so that at least a man knows he can pay it off and make a fresh start one day."

The worst-off are generally those who were divorced between the ending of the old-style Divorce Act, and the advent of new legislation in 1984. Alex Goldie comments: "Before 1969 you got some very bitter conflicts, but you also got a kind of rough justice. If a man had run off with someone younger and left a devoted mother and housewife, then he had to pay heavily. But if the woman had been promiscuous then she would get short shrift."

"With the advent of no-blame divorce in the Seventies, you got the curious situation where judges tended to take blame into account in ancillary proceedings only where the man was concerned. Often the fact that he had not defended a petition — in order to speed matters or simplify them — tended to further damn him."

The 1984 legislation, which allows for a capital settlement and a clean break, may ameliorate matters, but the application of the Act varies enormously from court to court. "Much depends on a registrar's idiosyncrasies," Alex Goldie says. "They have enormous powers of discretion and it's easy to be generous with someone else's money."

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Women marrying and divorcing these days may have lower or more realistic expectations than did their mothers or elder sisters, but there are signs that a backlash may be just around the corner.

Goldie says there is already a movement against this type of settlement in America. "The feeling is growing there that wives have sold themselves short; that they're already disadvantaged by society and by marriage and that they've let themselves be further disadvantaged by such reforms."

"What you've got in this country is two sets of women whose interests are diametrically opposed — and both feel equally aggrieved."

Dr Dick Allan, chairman of the Divorce Law Reform Association — which is pressing for further changes in matrimonial legislation and eventual progress towards Family Courts — believes it is all symptomatic of society's failure to come to grips with the scale of marital breakdown in this country.

"You get this extraordinary situation where both husband and new wife are contributing to the welfare of the former wife. It's offensive, a monstrous unfairness. A second wife may not even be entitled to be represented by counsel in these matters even though her finances are involved."

"Or you get the opposite situation, where the second wife has no incentive to work because she knows her salary will be used against her. At the moment courts are not meeting out justice, but social security, it seems to be a case of 'From each according to his means to each according to her needs' — but that is not a principle that should dominate divorce."

Goldie's research has so far included in-depth interviews with 26 second wives. His sample belies the stereotype of the much younger woman luring away a married man. They were, on average, only two years younger than the first wife, and only a small minority were actually involved in the marriage break-up. A significant number had their own property, into which their new husband moved.

"Typically it's the middle-class woman in her thirties or forties on whom the shoe pinches", Goldie says. "Their common cry has been, 'Look, I'm a wife too'. They are made to feel inferior, even invisible."

Simply refusing to marry is not the whole answer. Assumptions can be made about people who live together, although they're harder to establish, but for women like Maureen, a physiotherapist, it was the only possible step.

"I knew that if we did marry my financial independence would be taken away — and I regard that as a basic civil right. My partner and I are completely open about money matters between ourselves but I regard that as our business, not something for the courts."

"Because of what he is paying out we have no margin for luxuries and any further drain on our joint income to another woman would, I'm sure, put us seriously in debt."

It's the dentist that's the pain

What keeps patients away may be more to do with fear of a hostile dentist than drills or injections

Despite sophisticated advances designed to deaden the pain, fear still keeps around a third of non-regular attenders away from the dentist. Intriguing new research reveals that what makes us most anxious is not the injections or the drill — but the dentist himself.

Many dentists, unknown to themselves, display hostility towards their patients, according to Dr Ruth Freeman, a lecturer in the department of community dental and health practice at University College, London. "The dental surgery is a hot-bed of emotions," she said. "We know from American studies that both the dentist and the patient experience strong feelings. Patients may feel fear or resentment of the dentist's authority."

"Dentists experience stress if they can't please the patients, if their treatment doesn't seem to be appreciated, or if the patient is openly disgruntled. I found myself wondering just who is making who anxious."

She decided to compare the chairside manner of inexperienced dental students and experienced dentists. She tested first their personalities for hostility and anxiety and then wired up both patients and dentists to measure their heart rates simultaneously. She found that it was the calm, experienced, male dentists who made their patients most anxious. Patients were far more relaxed with the inexperienced students and with experienced women dentists who had scored high on anxiety levels.

"These are people who admit their anxiety, express their emotions and are aware of them. Their anxiousness is perceived by the patient as reassuring and care-taking, not anxiety provoking," she said. The more experienced dentists become, the more they start to build up barriers to distance themselves from their patients' feelings.

Research shows that dentists become over-irritated by what patients do, such as not keeping their mouths open

long enough, or practising imperfect oral hygiene. These, said Dr Freeman, are then transmitted to the patient. "They are intangible forms of non-verbal communication. If the dentist feels this way, how could we expect him to educate his patients about dental health? First we have to educate the dentists to see why they have these feelings."

Dr Freeman was alarmed to discover that barriers between dentists and patients start very early. "When I asked new students their own fears about going to the dentist, they talked about drills and injections. By the end of training, their concerns had changed to whether their dentist would do a technically perfect job. They had already forgotten what it is like to be a patient."

Lynn Stroud, executive director of the British Dental Health Foundation, agrees. "Dentists are trained by dentists who weren't trained in communication themselves. Students are selected for their academic skills, not their rapport with the man in the street."

Dr Freeman is particularly keen that behavioural science should be an important part of all dental school syllabuses. "Women are more likely to admit their anxieties whereas men usually disguise their emotions. It isn't many to feel anxious. One male dentist who asked after my experience why he had been chosen was appalled and insulted when I said it was because he'd had a high anxiety score. He is in fact a very caring, patient dentist."

He may not like the idea, but it seems as if his rare unrepressed anxiety contributes to his personal skills.

Denise Winn

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Defector in the Knightsbridge store wars

A step up and a few steps sideways for the woman from Harvey Nichols who joins Harrods as fashion supremo

Ever since 1849 when Mr Harrod moved his emporium from Eastcheap to just round the corner from Harvey Nichols in Knightsbridge, the two shops have been locked in the sort of rivalry which only happens between neighbours.

What exactly is the secret of successful marketing for the top people? That is the question they keep bouncing back and forth between them.

This year they both seem agreed that the vital ingredient is Clare Stubbs. Ms Stubbs, ex-buying executive of the "Little Shop On The Corner", has just been appointed new fashion director to the "Giant On Knightsbridge", which is how the two rivals refer to each other. It was a classic poaching move and frankly everyone seems to have seen it coming except the principals.

Patrons of Harrods have watched it blossom into a sort of Disneyland for overseas visitors, none of whom, however, necessarily put their hands in their pockets. People with less time than money, meanwhile, wondered about the wisdom of getting involved in the scrum.

In the same period, over on Sloane Street "M. Nix" or "Knickers" — to quote the affectionate Ms Stubbs — was once the darling of the dowager duchess set, "all patronizing account customers who would wander round the store with their dogs saying 'Where have you moved the lifts today, dear?' Today, it has become the reliable standby of their top granddaughters, like the Princess of Wales.

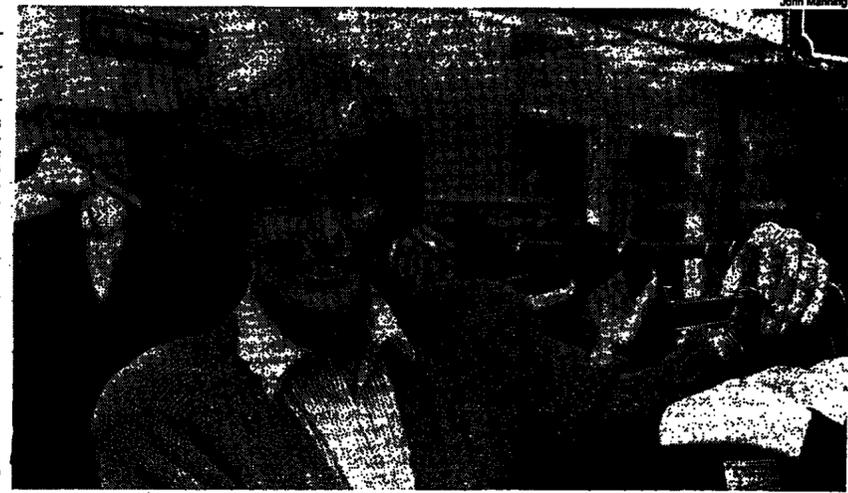
Modesty is one of Ms Stubbs's unthreatening qualities. "The people who had the foresight to rent the boutiques on Sloane Street were the ones who brought us the passing trade," she says. Be that as it may, the fashion business is agreed that Stubbs is the one who put the street on the modern map, not by any flamboyant gestures or unusual foresight, but by a lot of homely good humour and a flair for internal politics destined to bring out the best in existing staff.

On the face of it, Clare Stubbs is a rather unlikely person to dictate international fashion taste. Small and jolly, perfectly turned out, but above all incredibly tactful, she is no Diana Vreeland on Coco Chanel. At our meeting, she was all in grey from the tips of her snakeskin toes to her bouffant hairdo, and a lot of the grey on a drizzling autumn day was sensible chunky-knit wool. She is down to earth, giggly, unthreatening to men who still seem to run her branch of the rag trade, and she makes the other women buyers in a competitive and bitchy business laugh, not cry.

Is this the formula which will bring back the gloss to the top people's store? Clare Stubbs, in fact, began her career at Harrods some 30 years ago as a school-leaver. She passed few exams at Slough County High but was very gregarious. "The careers mistress advised nursing, retail or secretarial."

She did four years as a junior trainee, drawn above all to the fashion and house-keeping departments. As a Virgo, she says she is very good at the housekeeping business. More to the point, in those days, she was determined to fulfil this talent by marrying, having a family and putting them before her career. She and her husband are still together, living in Essex with a 16-year-old son.

There was a time when she nearly gave up her career, or at least downgraded it to an involvement with smaller shops, but always, she says, there was the lure of the soap opera and the social life of the department store. She went to Jaeger, to Simpsons and moved to Knightsbridge 13



Most wanted woman: Clare Stubbs, the top person for the top people, returns to an earlier stamping ground

years ago. "It was a time when boutiques had poached all the glamour from large stores and I set about getting it back."

Then this July, she was asked to lunch by House of Fraser's chief executive Brian Walsh. She says she had not made up her mind to take the job. She did that just a week ago for a small rise in salary but, above all, the challenge.

The "little shop", a mere 119,000 square feet, compared to 4 1/2 acres of fashion floor alone at Harrods, was predictably displeased. They waived her six-month contract and the next day she left her company Maestro in the garage.

So what difference will her energetic presence make to Harrods? "It looks like a stockroom," she breathed in dismay, as I accompanied her on her first tour of the fashion floor before she takes up her appointment next Monday. Clare Stubbs says she gave Brian Walsh no real indication what she would do for him. For one thing, her presence in the competitor store was very unwelcome before contracts were signed, so for the past decade she had more or less confined her visits to the food halls.

Added to the executive woman and career girl to whom she is used to catering, she now has the huge tourist market, subject to the dangerous fluctuations of the petro-dollar. Her initial response is that if she gets it right for the British market, it will be right for the rest of the world. She will simplify the "jungle", rationalize and strengthen the visual presentation, edit the fashion collections and reintroduce the sort of personal, though not "fawning" "modom" service, which made Harrods famous.

She does not want to modernize it to such an extent that the customer is intimidated in crossing the threshold. And she says, "Don't expect changes over night. You have to live in a house for a while before you understand how to decorate it."

Glenys Roberts

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Youth is dearer. SHE. The male as editor of the women's magazine has become a seriously endangered species. Following last week's abrupt departure by Eric Bailey from the hot seat at SHE, the idiosyncratic Bailey — who joined the magazine as an office junior — has been "disengaged", and replaced by veteran Joyce Hopkirk, the highly successful first editor of British Cosmopolitan 12 years ago.

Though taking pains to describe Bailey, 32, as "a remarkable fellow", National Magazines managing director Terry Mansfield said: "It is very difficult for men to edit women's magazines and get the chemistry right, with some notable exceptions." There are few exceptions to choose from these days. Bailey's departure, following so closely as it does on Willie Lundell's resignation last month from SHE stakeholder Harpers and Queen, means that Britain's 30 or so women's magazines can now boast only two men at the top.

Quote of the week. Rest and recover. A blissful excuse to put your feet up is the Womenscreen health check from Private Patients' Plan, which now adds a foot-screening and pedicure treatment to vital checks for possible breast and cervical problems. Women are four times more likely than men to suffer from foot ailments, and catching them at an early stage can diminish the risk of mobility problems in older age. The price (£85, or £105 including mammography) includes a voucher for a Scholl pedicure. PYP medical centres are in London (01-637 8941), Southampton (0703 775409) and Solihull (021 705 4775).

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Can't can't

Four leggy can-can dancers high kicked their way through the Young Social Democrats' reputation for total sex equality at a disco on Monday night...

BARRY FANTONI



'I see they've included the SDP high tax and social justice package'

Digging in

An SDP member told the conference yesterday that he had been almost locked out of his lodgings after press reports of David Steel's implied criticism of middle-class Harrogate...

Riotous

Warders who quelled the recent riot at Dublin's Mountjoy jail were surprised to discover that the Justice Department's manual for dealing with such disturbances was printed by inmates at the neighbouring Arbour Hill prison...

Selective

The Labour-controlled Camden council in north London is advertising a free service to remove graffiti from private houses and shops...

Super Bupa

Bupa patients are in for a pleasant surprise in the next few weeks when nurses at its 12 hospitals change into new uniforms. Monica Chong, whose clients include Princess Diana and pop singer Grace Jones...

Papal pickle

Catholics in Lyons face a spiritual dilemma over the Pope's visit next month: whether to believe Nostrodamus or their local cardinal. The former, in his celebrated but often erratic predictions, warned that a pontiff should steer clear of 'the city which is washed by two rivers...'

Suicide, or long-shot winner?

Robin Oakley, Political Editor, on why the SDP plan for social justice could pay off

A leading Tory last week privately characterized Dr David Owen as an impatient action man, the sort who would go over the top and win a VC before breakfast.

Owen will today pledge to fight with all the force at his command to push the package into the Alliance election manifesto.

In conventional terms it is certainly a high risk strategy. Those who would suffer financially include most of the middle-class, middle income earners who form the Alliance's natural recruiting ground.

The answer to that is that the SDP lives or dies by not accepting conventional political wisdom. That is the basis of its appeal and that is what has sustained it through its first five years.

most valuable members of his party are the 'political virgins' - more than half its members who came in unburdened by any ideological baggage.

Last year there was an attempt to graft 'traditional Labour values' on to the SDP programme. Despite the backing of Shirley Williams and Bill Rodgers, the attempt was roundly rejected.

Observers attending their first SDP conference say scornfully: 'They just don't look like a political party'.

The SDP relishes its developing role as the conscience of the middle classes and is willing, when making omelettes, to tell the eggs what will happen to them.

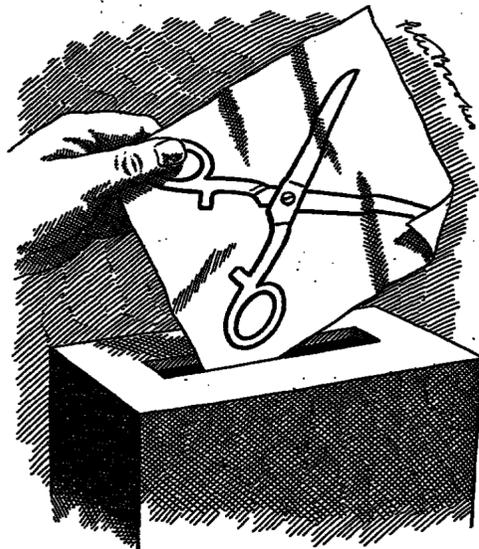
Backed by an aggressive marketing campaign, underpinned by the type of emotional leverage practised by the charities, the policy could win support. How many Britons want to live in a country with 16 million on, or near, the poverty line?

The arguments in favour can even shade into self-interest. Fifteen million would benefit in cash terms from the redistribution while 6 million would lose.

At present, although most hospital care is within public hospitals, some public funds go to buy places in private hospitals and GPs are independent contractors to the NHS, not salaried employees.

Dogma and fallacy: Mark McCarthy shows what is really wrong in the hospitals

Politicians can harm your health service



flight of foreign investment. The inevitable result is a brake on welfare spending to retain the City's confidence.

There is a further, more subversive, consequence of giving more cash indiscriminately to the NHS. Hospital closures must be included in a Labour programme that is committed to new policies for health care.

The Conservatives can claim, with some justification, to have been misrepresented in the debate about the NHS. They have increased the total resources available (although by no means as much as their figures suggest), and their plans for changing to private insurance financing have evaporated.

But if Labour's policies appear misguided, worse may be in store from the other two parties. David Owen has so far had difficulty in distinguishing his views from those of Labour, for whom he was once minister of health.

their patients. The doctors will be expected to "abandon" their patients to the one offering the best service.

GPs do this to a limited extent already, but because few towns have more than one major hospital, the prospect for real choice through this mechanism is slim.

Many people are already working within the NHS towards these objectives. They need support. They don't need the rules of the game to be changed again - the NHS has already had three reorganizations in ten years.

The author is senior lecturer in community medicine at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School.

Old guard under threat from Kasparov

Leninograd The victory of Gary Kasparov, the 23-year-old world chess champion, in Monday's 16th game of the world championship is being hailed as the most brilliant ever played in a world title contest.

But then on his 32nd move Kasparov captured a knight and Karpov hesitated before taking back. Karpov's hesitation was prolonged into an agonizing wait. During the 30 minutes that we sat expectantly for the champion's reply it gradually sank in that the position was far from lost.

The position created after Kasparov's 32nd move in game 16 will go down as one of the classics of chess history. Karpov had the

choice of four recaptures. Even as I wrote, 24 hours after the game started, no one is sure what Karpov should have done. Indeed, no one will even risk a guess as to what his decisive error might have been.

Faced with the impossibility of deciding which capture to make, Karpov almost thought himself to extinction. When the black move finally materialized Karpov was left with three minutes to complete eight eight moves before facing a time-forfeit. Then came Kasparov's whiplash attack. First he moved his queen into place, sacrificing a knight. As Karpov devoured the offering, white's army converged on the helpless black king. It was a massacre ruthlessly carried out.

This was a victory snatched from the jaws of defeat, but no one has yet succeeded in casting doubt on the correctness of Kasparov's

blitzkrieg attack. As to the score, which is now 9-1/2-6-1/2 in the young champion's favour, only a miracle can save Karpov now.

Ever since Kasparov won the title in November last year doubts have hovered over who truly deserves to be champion. Many believed that Karpov's title, held for a decade, was merely on loan, and that Kasparov's brash recklessness and overt self-confidence would be suitably punished in the revenge decider.

When Florencio Campomanes, president of the World Chess Federation (Fide) single-handedly terminated the first K-K match on February 15 1985, the result was five wins to Karpov and three to Kasparov, with 40 draws. Kasparov won the rematch five-three with 16 draws. So when the London leg of the present match started their tally of wins was equal.

Prove himself he is doing so, in an unprecedentedly brilliant style. Karpov is not playing weakly. His preparation and ideas are outstanding, his fighting spirit unbroken, yet he is opposed by a towering genius whose strategy is

disappear until something drastic is done for Britain's underclass? And if, for the majority of those who lose by the adjustments, the price is little more than a couple of packets of cigarettes a week, might that not be worth paying?

The Liberals, who have been demanding some tenderness from Owen to match his toughness on defence, will have little option but to fall in line. And a committed Alliance campaign on social justice could prove a potent weapon against Labour, paying electoral dividends among those who are

Labour cannot grasp the nettle of selectivity and chooses to pretend that the problem of poverty can be solved without penalizing any but the rich. As for the Tories, the SDP can argue that when they began tackling the problem they were soon forced into reverse by the special interest lobbies and that they lacked the courage to spell out the figures in their tax and social security reforms.

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The SDP is embarking on a political gamble. But as the argument intensifies, the odds against it winning could shorten considerably.

Adam Roberts

Daniloff: out of the impasse

The immediate heat may have been taken out of the Daniloff affair by his conditional release last week. But it is well to remind ourselves of the basic facts: that he was arrested as a result of a KGB frame-up and is still being held in Moscow as a hostage for the release of the Soviet official Gennadi Zakharov, arrested in New York a week earlier on a charge of spying.

His passport has been taken from him. He could still be put on trial and he is still subjected to verbal assault in the Soviet media. He is anxious to get back to the United States and to his children.

Political realities being what they are, there is only perhaps a limited chance that Washington's demand for his unconditional freedom will be implemented. His case will inevitably be subject to high-level negotiations. That being so, and however painful it may be, it is necessary to underline that this cannot be a matter of Nick's freedom at any price.

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Equally important is the need for a settlement which does not encourage future acts of hostage taking. This principle has been much emphasized by the US administration, and rightly so. One might hope that the serious damage that Nick's frame-up has done to Moscow's image throughout the world might itself discourage it from repetition.

There is also a need to do whatever can be done to ensure that reprisals are not taken against Ruth and Nick's Russian friends. The position of Dr David Goldfarb, the geneticist who in April 1984 refused to play his allotted part in a previous frame-up attempt, is especially important.

Is there any settlement imaginable which takes into account points such as these? It should not be beyond the wit of man to devise one, and on both sides clever diplomats are involved. The Soviet Union, under Mikhail Gorbachev's leadership, can scarcely wish to be thought of as a gangster state. In some respects the Soviet authorities have acted correctly throughout this affair. They promptly issued visas to a number of people, including

representatives of Nick's employer, US News and World Report, who applied to go to Moscow in connection with the case. They have not blocked the Daniloff's telephone or telex. Nick has said that, even though the overall effect of his incarceration in Lefortovo prison was "mental torture", aspects of his treatment were polite, even solicitous.

Most importantly, the legal case against Nick has not yet gone as far under Soviet procedures as practically all western comment has implied. He was formally charged on September 7, but this is not as irrevocable a step as under some western systems. It leads to a stage called "preliminary investigation", and in formal terms that is the present stage.

But "preliminary investigation" can involve looking very carefully at all aspects of a case, including all evidence either favourable or opposed to the state. This stage should, strictly speaking, involve investigation of the possibility of a frame-up. It can lead either to a decision to hold a trial, or to a decision to terminate proceedings. Thus it is not quite correct to say that there has yet been, as the US Senate has said, an "indictment". There is a way out if the Kremlin chooses to take it.

The Daniloff affair has given rise to some inflated and reckless rhetoric against the Soviet Union. Amid these depressing events it is well to remember that the Soviet Union is a great power worthy of considerable respect. Its sufferings in two world wars have been on a scale which we in the West can scarcely comprehend; they go some way towards explaining its fear of foreigners and its concern with security. The desire for peace runs deep. The need for arms control is evident, and Moscow has this year made important initiatives in this field.

The Soviet Union is a party to a laws-of-war treaty, the 1949 Geneva Civilian Convention, the shortest and clearest article of which is Article 34: "The taking of hostages is prohibited." True, this applies only in wartime; and the Soviet Union is not yet a party to the International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages, which came into force in 1983. But it cannot want to convey the impression that lower standards apply in peacetime than in war.

There is a need to get the whole affair over with as quickly as possible, not least to enable the Soviet Union and the United States to get on with the job of establishing business-like relations, despite the differences in their political systems and in their interests. The West can help in this process by maintaining a serious and steady interest in arms control, as well as by upholding the principle that hostage-taking is not acceptable as a way of doing business.

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moreover... Miles Kington

Snack, package and crops

Today, the British public is to be introduced to a completely new concept in natural food: snafu. Snafu is so healthy, so versatile and yet so simple that it is bound to be a revelation.

As you know, we have a totally new concept in natural food about once every 12 months. Recently we have had ginseng, miso, tofu and tempeh. What all these have in common is that they come from the mysterious East, sound impressive and probably derive from the soya bean.

Snafu is no exception. This creamy brown, slightly salty paste is spun from the extract of slightly germinated soya beans, and can either be made into one of a thousand fascinating dishes or woven into an easy-to-make, matching skirt 'n' shirt. Snafu has no taste of its own, either, which means that it can take on any flavour from the other ingredients, or alternatively, that you can in extremis eat your own skirt.

Like all the best natural health foods, snafu has been made in a factory somewhere in Japan and comes heavily packaged. You can buy it by the brick, slab or sheet. Soon it will be available in compact disc. You can take it home, keep it in the fridge, use it immediately for any one of a thousand delicious recipes, or give it to the children to play with.

A cube of snafu with boiling water makes a wonderful cup of snafu; when spread on bread, it makes a delicious helping of snafu on bread; and if cut into pieces with a small pair of scissors, it can make a genuine Japanese snafu jigsaw puzzle.

In Japan, snafu has been known for generations as a vital, energy-rich staple food. Every day, Japanese country people go wandering over the rocks of the eastern seaboard collecting nutritious frowns of seaweed, which they take home in profusion and eat for breakfast. Later, they go to work in the local snafu factory making packs of this food so beloved in the West, before returning home to raise high the beaker of rice wine in the evening ceremony of peace known as "happy hour", a phrase which they have stolen from the West. Before they go to bed they switch on their video cameras to record themselves

while asleep, and so would we if we had been over-producing video cameras as happily as the Japanese.

Snafu itself they do not eat, merely export. Consumption of snafu is thus vital to the Japanese economy. But snafu is more than just a food. It's more, even, than just a creamy brown, slightly salty paste which can be worked into cracks in window frames or used to waterproof those tricky bathroom tile joints. It's also an age-old Japanese fighting art, involving stretching, bending, kicking, punching and wearing bathrobes all day long.

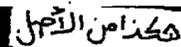
The Japanese have long known that complete tranquility and peace of mind can be acquired by trying to batter some colleague into submission, leaving him senseless on the carpet; now you too can share in the inner peace of snafu by digging your toe-nails deep into a friend with a high overhead kick.

More than a celestial food, household aid, way of life and pastime, snafu is also a nippy four-coming off the production line in some parts of Britain at a rate of 24,000 a day, bringing much-needed employment to depressed regions and incredible traffic jams to the north-east. Cheaper than the Honda Miso, roomier than the Ford Ginseng, more manoeuvrable than The Times in a high the car of the future.

So why buy it now? Because snafu is not just gentle on the hands, good with children and the treat you'd always promised yourself. It's not just a protection against the first frosts and a security measure for your old age. Nor is it even just a super mulching material for crops under glass or packing material for those fragile Christmas presents.

It's also the fact that we have recently come into possession of two tankers full of snafu - don't ask how - and we are prepared to make it available to you increasingly cheaply. Just send a postcard saying how many wheelbarrowsful you need, with a blank cheque and a full instruction booklet written by computer in Japanese-English. Snafu. We've got it. You need it. It's as simple as that.

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REALISM ON SANCTIONS

Following yesterday's decision by EEC Foreign Ministers in Brussels to prohibit both imports of iron, steel and gold coins from South Africa...

which import substantial amounts of South African coal, despite the strong advocacy of Denmark, Ireland and Holland which do not.

sanctions are likely to advance democratic rights there. Indeed, there are good reasons for supposing that they would actually retard such progress...

Although Sir Geoffrey Howe subsequently hazarded the diplomatic criticism that the calculation of 1 per cent was "not shared by everyone", he prudently offered no alternative estimate.

The one sanction discussed yesterday which might have had a serious impact was a prohibition on South African coal exports to the Community.

The criticism will be made that in protecting West Germany's economic interests at the expense of South Africa's blacks, Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher acted hypocritically and immorally.

But were the West Germans actually harming the interests of black South Africa? No serious attempt has been made to demonstrate that economic

As this becomes clearer, they are in practice likely to prevaricate and obstruct any major measures. Sir Geoffrey said yesterday that there would be an attempt to obtain agreement on prohibiting coal imports in future - there is a meeting of EEC Foreign Ministers at the United Nations next week - but this was widely seen as an assurance to save Dutch, Irish and Danish faces.

As for domestic British politics, it now transpires that Mrs Thatcher was not quite so "isolated" in her opposition to punitive sanctions upon South Africa as comment suggested a few months ago.

MRS AQUINO GOES TO WASHINGTON

The meeting between President Aquino of the Philippines and President Reagan in Washington today holds a multitude of pitfalls for the unwary - and since she became President seven months ago, Mrs Aquino has shown herself to be, on occasion, very unwary indeed.

can exert. This makes for less predictability - and, perhaps, less stability. For the American patrons of the Philippines, financiers and politicians alike, Mrs Aquino is a high-risk proposition, and she has yet to convince them otherwise.

Were either her democratic credentials or her political strength untainted, her position would be stronger. But they are not. Her claim to be a democratic leader is tarnished by her suspension of the constitution and the failure of the constitutional committee she then appointed to agree expeditiously on a new one.

Nor was the popular support she won in February's election asconclusive - orasustainable - as she might have hoped for. Her administration still has an air of impermanence. She can still hold the streets; but can she continue to hold all the military groupings, the judiciary and the big landowners, while continuing to hold the streets? The policies on which she came to power - land reform, talks with the communist and Muslim insurgents, greater self-determination for the Philippines - will in time alienate one group or another.

Her interest in talking to the insurgents, in particular, has aroused criticism from senior generals and concern in the United States. In Manila this is

not because insurgency is a real threat to the regime, but because the army has suffered from guerrilla action and sees talks as an unnecessary gesture of compromise.

President Reagan and his advisers would probably be happier if they were dealing either with a strong leader or with a fully constitutional leader. President Aquino is at present, neither. But, if she were to act with a little more resolution she has the potential to be both, and the US administration has the influence and the power to assist her.

The Philippines needs money. The rush of investment Mrs Aquino hoped for after the fall of Marcos has not materialized, and the country is impoverished. If more US aid is not forthcoming, Mrs Aquino will be forced to look elsewhere; in that event, the generals might choose to look beyond Mrs Aquino. That would be a recipe for instability.

The price for more aid is likely to be some assurance about the future of the two US bases in the Philippines, which is guaranteed only until 1991. But President Reagan need not push too hard with that condition. For all the talk of reducing US patronage, the Philippines needs the money and the employment the bases bring. They will only become a real point of contention if Mrs Aquino is forced by the Americans to make an enduring public commitment to their future. There is room for discretion on both sides in Washington this week.

SOCIOLOGISTS ABROAD

Masked squatters besieging part of Copenhagen this week, three stonies at the local maternity hospital, smashed the windows with clubs, and injured nine riot police who were called to the scene. If this goes on in Denmark which is said to be the world's best place to live in, one begins to have some appreciation of what life is like in Angola which is apparently the worst.

very much help to governments dispensing foreign aid, since the criteria for deciding who needs what are rather different. Anyway, one hardly needs a professor of social studies in America to tell a rural peasant in Malawi that he would be 112 countries better off if he moved to an apartment block in Bonn.

Whatever else it is, his survey is not a contribution to knowledge - as his criteria for assessing national well-being make clear. To downgrade Britain for, it is reported, lack of political participation in Northern Ireland is rather hard. To regret that Ulstermen do not have enough politics is like grieving over the shortage of cars on the M4. And can anyone plumb the quality of life without taking into account the weather, the food and the wine? How many people would opt to spend their declining years in draughty lager-swilling Jutland or the Dordogne?

The quality of life can be measured in only the broadest terms. Any final judgement must be subjective. "East, West, home's best", that old shibboleth of the British middle class is clearly not shared

by the immigrants from Asia who tend to prefer Western Europe. On the other hand there are few signs of any mass movement of Americans to Scandinavia in search of their own Shangri La. Perhaps it is about to begin?

And can anyone really assess, in mathematical or any other terms, the value of living in Britain? Scruffy, inept, undisciplined, old-fashioned, ineffectual, lazy, unsuccessful, hopelessly sanguine and usually wet - this country has long been despised by its enemies and bullied by its friends. But how many people who come here would want to live anywhere else?

The very faults which lose this country points in any theoretical league of happiness reflect a sense of freedom which Britain still manages to instil in its inhabitants. We are poorer than the Japanese, worse-fed than the French, less efficient than the Germans, colder (in all senses) than the Italians and more work-shy than our cousins in America. But recognition of our faults is matched still by our tolerance of each other. At the last count there were 9,480 Danes living here who clearly thought so anyway.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Drawbacks to new fixed penalties

From Mr. A. J. Turner Sir, Your reports on September 10 of the new fixed penalty system for motorists constitute a commendable attempt to summarise and explain a very complicated set of proposals for dealing with a large number of minor offences, but as a clerk to the justices I am concerned that some of the less satisfactory features of the provisions appear not to have been reported.

First, there is the matter of the "provisional" ticket, which was a concession made to those opposed to making it compulsory for driving licences to be carried. In order that such persons should not be denied the option of a fixed penalty in respect of an endorsable offence, the legislation enables a fixed penalty to be issued which will then be confirmed at a police station of the recipient's choice provided certain requirements are met.

A colleague of mine has calculated that under this cumbersome procedure there can be up to 10 different communications travelling in different directions at the same time. This may place in doubt the claim that there will be a substantial saving of time and resources for the police and the courts.

Secondly, there is the assertion that it will clear the backlog of cases in magistrates' courts thereby paving the way for enabling more classes of cases to be heard summarily and thus reducing delays in the Crown Court. The fact is that the offences covered by the system occupy very little court time; any administrative savings which we make will probably be offset by the additional work created for fixed penalty courts.

Thirdly, and arguably most importantly, the Secretary of State has failed to issue any detailed guidance on the use of fixed penalties with a view to achieving uniformity of practice. The only advice he has given to date is that a fixed penalty should not be issued where it appears that

multiple offences may have been committed and it may be appropriate to proceed in respect of more than one of them.

Chief officers of police will no doubt be mindful of the danger of inconsistency between different force areas, but there must be a risk of disparities in the issue of tickets such as we saw in relation to cautioning rates before intervention by the Home Office last year.

I do not wish to appear to be against the principle of extending the use of fixed penalties. Indeed, there is a case for claiming that the new law does not go far enough. My concern is that public acceptance of the system may have been jeopardised by a combination of extravagant claims, absence of sufficient guidance to the police and unnecessary administrative problems.

A. J. TURNER, (Editor, Road Law), 7 Canterbury Park, Holme Road, Didsbury, Manchester, September 10.

From Mr Donald Madgwick Sir, A car bought in the UK already costs considerably more than the same model bought in Western Europe. We pay £2 week for the privilege of using it on the road, and more than another £1 in tax for every gallon of petrol we buy. Wherever we bring it to rest, we are beset, harassed and harassed by armies of uniformed ticket-stickers.

On top of all this, we now learn that the fixed penalty system is to be extended to cover about 250 more traffic offences. I expect I am not alone in wondering how even the ingenuity of our legislators has been equal to the task of thinking up 250 different ways in which the motorist can transgress the law. Yours faithfully, DONALD MADGWICK, Flat 5, 201 Woodside Green, SE25, September 11.

Value of science

From Dr R. K. Newman Sir, Your leading article of September 6 repeats the familiar assertion that British universities give a lower priority to science and technology than those of our trading competitors. The statistics published by Unesco show that the opposite was the case, even before Sir Keith Joseph's reforms.

In 1982 less than 1 per cent of Japanese undergraduates took degrees in mathematics and computing compared with more than 4 per cent here. In 1981 only 8.3 per cent of American first degrees were in engineering and only 4.5 per cent of German first degrees were in natural sciences, compared with 13.9 per cent and 14.4 per cent respectively in Britain. Those whipping-boys of the educational world, the humanities, were as popular in Japan as they are here. The areas in which we lagged most strikingly behind our competitors were the commercial and social sciences, especially the latter.

It is undoubtedly true, as you suggest, that universities could do more to apply their knowledge, but whether they can do this, and in their present straitened circumstances, continue both their pure research and their teaching is more doubtful.

Industrialists may welcome the opportunity of farming out their research cheaply to low-paid academics, but whether it is really desirable for companies to reduce their own research facilities and so increase the gulf between the laboratory and the factory floor is also debatable. Our difficulty lies not in the traditional academic values, which are more necessary than ever in a period of rapid change, but in society's ascription of a higher social status to the products of our universities, thus inhibiting the development of com-

plementary forms of education in a variety of institutions.

When the graduates of universities, polytechnics and technical colleges are recognised as having distinctive contributions to make to our future but as being equally valuable members of society we will have come some way towards solving our problems. Yours sincerely, R. K. NEWMAN, University College of Swansea, Department of Economic History, Singleton Park, Swansea, September 8.

Degree proposal

From the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Salford Sir, I am grateful to you for reporting the proposals that I made at yesterday's meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science at Bristol for reorganising the standard three-year honours degree typically offered by English universities.

Your report only mentioned one part of my three-part proposal, however. I would be grateful if, in the interests of preserving whatever reputation I still possess among the more traditional academics, you would allow me to point out that what I proposed was:

An increase in the number of students admitted to higher education of at least 30 per cent (bringing the age participation rate up to 20 per cent by 1995) coupled with the replacement of the present three-year honours degree by a two-year general (or pass) degree to be followed by a new two-year honours degree that would be taken by one half to one third of those who complete the general degree. Yours faithfully, JOHN ASHFWORTH, Vice-Chancellor, University of Salford, Salford, Greater Manchester, September 5.

Gibraltar ruling

From the Chairman of the Gibraltar Conservation Society Sir, I refer to Mr Knevitt's article of September 15, reporting the Gibraltar Government's defiance of the Supreme Court's ruling that the demolition of the former Command Education Centre is unlawful. The Gibraltar Planning Commission's decision to allow the demolition is, however, more irregular than the article implies, as it appears that they never even considered Mr Brian Morton's report, even though that report was part of the record of the Supreme Court proceedings and was therefore readily available to the commission.

As to their appeal, it is clear that the reason for this course of action is to challenge the court's decision that members of the public have locus standi to review the decision of the Planning Commission. The commission clearly feel that they should take decisions of public concern behind closed doors and without interference from anybody. Yours faithfully, LIONEL CULATTO, Chairman, Gibraltar Conservation Society, PO Box 111, Gibraltar, September 15.

Tobacco tax

From Mrs Joy Townsend Sir, Your correspondent was correct to report (September 4) from the British Association meeting that smoking could be cut by 20 per cent in the next five years without harming Government revenue. However, there was a misquotation in the report. It is not true that cigarette tax provides one quarter of Government revenue. It was a major source of revenue 40 years ago when 16 per cent of all revenue came from tobacco tax but the same is not true today. It now provides only 4 per cent.

The structure of the economy has changed and is changing and other taxes have become more important. By the end of the century it is likely that tobacco will be a very minor tax source. Nevertheless, in the short run the Government both gains extra revenue and reduces smoking every time the cigarette tax is raised. Yours sincerely, JOY TOWNSEND, Medical Research Council Epidemiology and Medical Care Unit, Northwick Park Hospital, Watford Road, Harrow, Middlesex, September 8.

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Looking askance

From Dr J. A. Bell Sir, On a recent journey I was surprised to hear the guard announce "The approaching station is Durham". The approaching station is Durham.

Labour costs in manufacturing

From Mr Paddy Rooney Sir, The Department of Trade and Industry is once more reported, in the context of the campaign to limit wage rises, to have stated that labour costs in industry account for about 70 per cent of all costs. Whilst this may be so at the macro-economic level - depending on how industry is defined - at the level of the manufacturing firm the position could be very different.

In the sector of engineering represented by this association (manufacturers of heating, ventilating and air-conditioning equipment) wages and salaries account on the average for about 25 per cent of costs. There are, of course, variations between firms, but in few, if any, is the figure higher than 40 per cent. In this, the sector appears typical of engineering manufacturers and is in any case significant in its own right since, together with our installers and maintainers, we represent about 2 per cent of gross domestic product.

Government statements and policies based on the 70 per cent assumption are, therefore, likely to be misconceived, and will tend to undermine the policymakers' credibility.

Since the great part of our membership operates in an international market, exchange rates and their variations - on which the Government, publicly at least, claims not to have any policy - are of equal or greater concern than wage rates. To take an extreme case, the appreciation of sterling against the dollar since the low point some 18 months ago has had the same effect on our export prices to dollar-related economies as a wage increase of about 100 per cent for the entire workforce.

In these circumstances, for the Government not to have any policy beyond allowing financial market forces to rip is wholly inadequate.

This example serves to illustrate the point that priorities at the level of a firm or an industrial sector may be very different from those of Whitehall macro-economists. Since you, Sir, in several recent leaders have displayed a perception similar to that of Whitehall, perhaps you might also wish to remind your readers that industry is composed of individual firms and not to macro-economic aggregates. In doing so, you might also perhaps encourage the Government to set policies which promote confidence in its understanding of the factors which influence decisions in those firms. Yours faithfully, PADDY ROONEY, President, Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Manufacturers Association Ltd, Nicholson House, High Street, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Farmers' plight

From Mr C. B. Harwood Sir, I fear that the clouds above Anglesey are beginning to obscure my friend Lord Stanley's view (September 3) of what is happening on the ground in England since he gave up the tenancy of a college farm some years ago.

It is a red herring to link the rise or fall of rental values with the movement of land prices over recent years. Farmers farm to make a profit; landowners, be they private or institutional, buy and sell land for a variety of reasons which may or may not lead to financial profit.

If farming profits fall so far that tenants cannot sustain the current levels of rent, then rents will fall and there is nothing which "the institutions and the land agents who advise them" can do about it. But future profits, let alone hunches about what those profits will be, are not the basis on which current rents are determined. To date I have advised the college to reduce the rent on one of its farms but, along with most land agents, I am watching the levels of costs (of which rent is only one) and returns in farming and keeping an open mind. Yours faithfully, C. B. HARWOOD, Land Agent, Estate Office, New College, Oxford.

Prince's robes

From Mr P. C. Thompson Sir, I was surprised to see (photograph, September 5) that the Prince of Wales, a guest at Harvard, had worn the robes of the Chancellor of the University of Wales. Is it no longer the convention that one should wear no academic robes at a university other than those of that university? If one holds no degree there, one parades in multi, however high one's rank elsewhere. Yours faithfully, P. C. THOMPSON, 16 Edgar Street, Worcester, September 6.

Soap and the admen

From Mrs Eleanor Bourne Sir, As another grocer's daughter I must put Mr Herrington (September 6) right. In Mrs Thatcher's formative years packaging was greaseproof paper and plain bags. And the tins of broken biscuits were the greatest delight in the shop. Oh, the joy of finding a battered custard cream among the crumbling digestives and the Osbornes! Perhaps this is where the real marketing opportunity is. Yours faithfully, ELEANOR BOURNE, 15 Oakcroft Road, SE13, September 9.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 17 1879

During the return march of the European and native troops of the Peshawar Valley Field Force, following the signing of the treaty of Gandamak, nearly 300 men were lost from disease - mostly from cholera and sunstroke. The march, which began on June 1, was accomplished in 12 days and covered 117 miles.

RETURN MARCH OF THE PESHAWAR VALLEY FIELD FORCE

The severe sickness which befell the European and Native troops of the Peshawar Valley Field Force on their return to India, after the signing of the treaty of Gandamak, has necessarily excited much attention, and the facts of the case have been embodied in an official narrative, the more important points of which are as follows: As the march was concluded with the Ameer of Afghanistan, it became desirable, for political as well as financial reasons, that the forces in advance of the Khyber Pass should be recalled with all practicable expedition. But the hot season had already commenced, and it was a matter for grave consideration how far the return march might be prevented by sanitary considerations... The difficulty was the actual presence of cholera in the Peshawar Valley...

Instructions were immediately issued to make every possible preparation for encountering an unusual amount of sickness on the march. Previously unused camping grounds were selected, at such distances apart as to keep each day's work within the most moderate limits (that the sources of water supply would allow; hospital accommodation was provided for men who were unable to proceed, and an abundance of mules and ponies, with some camels and elephants and such wheeled carriages as could be obtained and used, were sent for the transport of the sick. The preliminary arrangements were under the direction of Surgeon-Major Porter, and the distance marched, from Safed-sung to Peshawar, was 117 miles, which was accomplished in 12 days, beginning on the 1st of June... everything seems to have been done that knowledge and foresight could suggest; and the only flaw in the arrangements was that the men could not always be prevented, under the influence of raging thirst from drinking unfiltered or even filthy water.

On reaching Jamrud and Hurri-Sing-ka-Boorj, and especially as they made their final advance, their clothes were stiff and dirty from the profuse perspiration and dust; their countenances betokened great nervous exhaustion, combined with a wild expression difficult to describe; the eyes injected and even sunken; a burning skin, black with the effects of sun and dirt; a dry tongue; a weak voice; and a thirst which no amount of fluids seemed to relieve.

But, if there was one class worse than another, it was certainly the medical officers and medical subordinates. Surgeon-Major Porter states that, on their arrival at Hurri-Sing-ka-Boorj, most of them were in a painfully helpless and prostrate condition both mentally and bodily. This was attributable to the strain to which they had been subjected - almost incessant work night and day, coupled with that anxiety and depression which even the most indifferent or callous must share in the presence of so much disease, fatigue, and responsibility. Some had almost literally no relief from toil, as, from so many of their number becoming ill, the duties were doubled and trebled for those who remained at their posts. The medical officer in charge of the section Field Hospital broke down early next; the surgeon of the 4th Battalion Rifle Brigade; and the third arrived at Hurri-Sing simply capable of handing over his sick before being himself placed on the sick list. The medical officers had been thrown entirely on their own resources in regard to the pitching and striking of tents, receiving no European assistance for this purpose. They had also to muster the dhoolie bearers before marching, and to drive them like so many cattle along the march. Others, not entitled to draw furlough allowance, were obliged to march on foot, and afterwards to perform their professional duties when worn out by fatigue and excessive heat. While the troops were passing through Peshawar there were 12 medical officers on the sick list at one time, and, according to the returns of the officers' hospital, the percentage of medical officers to total admissions was 38.3...

Language mix-up

From Mr C. F. Smith Sir, I have to enter the loud-speaker in the lounge of a cross-Channel ferry, the announcement: "Ladies and gentlemen, the buffet is now open." followed immediately by the translation: "Mesdames et messieurs, le snack-bar est ouvert maintenant". Yours faithfully, C. F. SMITH, 55 Warwick Crest, Arthur Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, West Midlands, September 10.

From Sir Peter Vanneck, MEP for Cleveland (European Democrat (Conservative)) Sir, When I used to strap-hang daily to the City in the Underground I found the tri-lingual phrase, 'Excess bite, most useful in the tourist season. Now in the European Parliament this would have to be much more broadly based. Yours truly, PETER VANNECK, 2 Chaloner Street, Guisborough, Cleveland.

A SPECIAL REPORT ON
YOUNG ENGINEERS

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By Derek Harris

Fine tuning a vital industry



The Princess of Wales will today present prizes to the winners of the Young Engineer for Britain competition. Youngsters attending schools, colleges and universities, and those already in industry, can enter projects based on any branch of engineering

The many faceted campaign to bring in the best of British brains as a talent transfusion for the beleaguered manufacturing industries gets another boost in London today when the Princess of Wales is due at Wembley Conference Centre to present a plethora of prizes to young engineers from around the country.

The Young Engineer for Britain competition is one of the initiatives to attract more youngsters into industry. This one is organized by the Engineering Council as part of its promotion of engineering. As well as the top title and trophy for this year's best young engineer, there will be various class winners, a special prize for girls and cash with other practical help from industrial companies acting as sponsors.

Many encouraging things will no doubt be said about the quality of British inventiveness. The Princess of Wales will be adding to the long line of royal patronage for engineering, which has included both the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh.

There is no shortage of support from senior members of the Government, including the Prime Minister, who made a point last year of going to the Engineering Council's first annual "grass roots" assembly where a special arrangement was made to bring in representation from younger engineers. There was a fresh emphasis at this year's assembly earlier in the summer on the role of the younger engineer.

All this is formidable in helping to create a climate of opinion and focussing attention on the campaign to improve the lot of the engineering industry and hence of the country. But the scale of

the problem is equally formidable.

In educational background, British industry has been poorly equipped compared with many of its international competitors. At the last count earlier in the decade, only half the British working population had a recognized qualification compared with 60 per cent in Japan, 66 per cent in West Germany and 78 per cent in the United States.

The proportion qualified to first degree level was in Britain 7 per cent, West Germany 8 per cent, Japan 13 per cent and the United States 19 per cent.

In engineering the number of higher education qualifications per million of national population showed Britain at 15,000, trailing well behind Japan (74,000) and the United States (80,000). The German figure was low at 7,000.

As improving technologies wipe out jobs at the craft level and create sharper skills short-

A short-term problem in easing the shortages

ages higher up the scale, there is a short-term problem in trying to ease such shortages and a long-term one in improving overall the supply of professionally qualified engineers.

Dr Kenneth Miller, the Engineering Council's director-general, said: "The trouble is that in gearing up the number of qualified engineers of the right quality there is an exceptionally long lead time involved."

"Just from 18 years old and on you are talking about three



Youth talent: Gregory Scott and Matthew Austin, both 14, designed and developed these flashing-light gloves for cyclists; Eryk Mozejko, 19, came up with a telescope unit

years of academic work, two years of training and another two years of experience. Then there is the school system before age 18 where the essential preparation has to be done."

Decisions on academic routes which eventually could mean the difference between feast and famine among number of qualified future engineers are effectively being made five years before university entrance, so a total lead time of 12 years could be involved, Dr Miller pointed out.

He added: "There also has to be planning to get the teaching side geared properly. So there is no trouble in talking of a lead time in terms of decades to get right what might be called the base load system. This is especially so if you think in terms of a total professional population operating within say a 30-year system."

On this sort of canvas it was not possible to pinpoint in precise detail what industry would be needing so many decades ahead, although it could be seen that the demand

was for articulate and numerate people.

"What it comes down to," said Dr Miller, "is that you have to do a lot of fine tuning, taking the form of continuing education and training by short courses throughout a professional life."

There was still a great need to change the broad cultural attitudes which had led to the comparative neglect of manufacturing needs, he believed. Cumbersome controls of the various aspect of the educational system still remained to be tackled. "Industry Year has been about changing the culture and the mood is switching, but it has not been fully thought through and worked through how far social institutions must change," he said.

The present system produced people strong on analysis and critique, said Dr Miller. "We apply these with great pleasure and venom particularly to bodies and institutions other than our own. We are a knocking society. That critique and that emphasis on analysis and not on what might be called synthesis has come through

the educational system. It has come from emphasizing the intellectual thinking of academic work and denigrating the physical making of things and physical work."

Increasingly narrow specialization in schools and then universities ignored that the outside world was about putting things together and doing things positively. This was why the Engineering Council's policy was for broader-based school curriculums and engineering courses.

An aspect of changing the system was bringing more closely together the many professional bodies in engineering, said Dr Miller. The number of these bodies had been reduced by merger from 53 to 44 although, reflecting the changing needs of technology, the British Computer Society had entered the lists.

The institutions now worked within only five key groupings for the purpose of registering individuals and accrediting courses. That was proving a lever for getting broader-based engineering courses and was a powerful control mechanism, he said.

There was already more emphasis on design, with a design project now mandatory for both university and polytechnic courses.

It is through the accreditation system that the essential social changes would come, he forecast, with an integration of academic education and practical training.

Synthesis as well as analysis

Some women will return to full-time work

was the hallmark of the Young Engineer competition, he pointed out, adding: "These youngsters are exposed to creating and making things. They have to take decisions. One can sense the enthusiasm of these youngsters. And ties are strengthened between industry and schools."

The competition is only one of a number of initiatives involving the Engineering Council aimed at bringing a wider spectrum of talent into engineering. Other ways of



influencing schoolchildren at an early stage are being explored.

The council is expanding a service for qualified engineers to explain to second school groups what a job in engineering means. In another scheme engineers are on tap to help schools with anything related to engineering, from careers advice to setting up projects and factory visits.

A 1984 campaign, Women Into Science and Engineering (WISE), run with the Equal Opportunities Commission, has built up increasing momentum, said Dr Miller. Last year there was a rising trend for women going on university and polytechnic engineering courses. They accounted for 11.5 per cent of students on these courses, compared with 10.8 per cent the year before and a mere 1 per cent in 1970.

The council is now selling hard to industrial companies the idea that it can be enlightened self-interest to make provision for women to take a career break in order to start their families and then return later to professional job, possibly on a flexible basis.

Though the Department of Education and Science plans to increase the number of engineering places in higher education, the Engineering Council is still pressing for more.

Short-term measures to close the skills gap could, as well as short courses for continued education and training, include remedial courses, Dr Miller suggested. These would give a fresh opportunity to those in their 20s who dropped out early from the education system when discouraged by a highly theoretical academic approach.

Extra cash was needed to go into providing foundation courses to change arts-based into science-based A-levels if a student decided to change tack in a career at 18, he added.

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This year's Young Engineer for Britain competition is a bumper one as 70 finalists gather today at London's Wembley Conference Centre. Prize money has been doubled so that the winners' schools or organizations can also benefit by getting cash for much needed equipment.

After nine years the competition is the leading one of its kind in Britain, said Dr Kenneth Miller, director general of the Engineering Council which organizes the event. The council took it over in 1983 from the Department of Trade and Industry which still pays for the overheads.

Further enhancement of the competition is already being planned for next year. It has been open to those between 12 and 19 but it will drive deeper in 1987 by including 11-year-olds.

Another new departure still to come is the selection by the council of the most promising youngster to take up a three-month student placement at America's National Aeronautics and Space Agency (Nasa). It is the result of an offer by the British National Space Agency.

The winner of the Young Engineer title gets a trophy and £1,250 for his or her school or backing organization. There are cash prizes ranging from £200 to £600 in seven categories, each with three winning places. Category winners get a

commemorative plaque. There is a special prize of £200 for the best project entered by a girl as part of the council's initiative on Women into Science and Engineering.

As well as the cash prizes most winners will earn an industrial visit to leading companies. The cost of both is met by participating industrial companies which this year are putting up about £150,000 in total.

About half of that goes to the winners' schools and organizations, the remainder covering winners' prizes and the cost of the visits which often involve trips overseas.

Dr Miller said: "The competition is designed to foster and strengthen links between education and in-

dustry and so to develop the interest of young people in engineering and technology and in careers in industry.

The finalists will be demonstrating their various projects today. The Princess of Wales, who is to present the competition prizes, will meet the inventors. The projects include a portable theatre lighting system, an automatic tomato plant watering device, a walking aid for blind toddlers, a table tennis training machine, a smoke detector, a

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Rachel Brown, aged 18, of Helsby, has designed and built this walking aid for blind toddlers

Marks for originality, enterprise skill and scientific application

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Which of these finalists will pick up a prize?

The national finalists in this year's Young Engineer for Britain competition are:

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remote computer control; Stuart Pooley, Lord Lawson Comprehensive School, Chester-le-Street, Durham; venetian-blind security; Piers Stausfeld, Loretto School, Musselburgh, Midlothian, Scotland; auto photography development; Alistair Wilson, Loretto School, Musselburgh; auto plant waterer; Peter Stacey, Robert Clack Comprehensive School, Dagenham; barman's electronic kit; Neil Loader, Sandhurst School, Camberley, Surrey; personal alarm system; Jason Greig, St Dunstan's School, Glastonbury; robot arm; Dominic Tighe, St Edmund Arrowsmith School, Whiston, Liverpool; electronic plotter; Christopher Randall, Ashby de la Zouch Grammar School, Leicestershire; wheelchair transporter; Gary Bates, National School, Hecknall, Nottinghamshire; modelling aid; Simon Smith, Westminster School, London; web-furling roller reefing; Susan Miles, Whitefield School, London; Crickwood; buggy bags; Paul Davies, Ysgol y Creaddyll, Llanidloes, Wales; smoke alarm; Stephen Cartland, Richard Dossy, Coxgreen School, Maidenhead; CAD-CAM teacher; Keith Chimley and

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drawing; Andrew Bell, Cowes High School, Isle of Wight; dab assembler; Ian Hutchinson, Upper School, East Barnet; ski bind tester; Rachel Brown, High School, Frodsham, Cheshire; walk aid for blind toddlers; Clive Armstrong, Kingsdown School, Warmminster, Wiltshire; variable turbine generator; Stephen Wittington, Sixth Form College, Warmminster; elevating wheelchair; Timothy Bradley, Sixth Form College, Ludlow, Shropshire; powered wheelchair; Erik Mojzko, Sixth Form College, Luton; spectroscopy; Peter Rutty, Sixth Form

College, Luton; computerized weather station; Bledyn Davies, Pen-y-Dre High School, Merthyr Tydfil; heritage-trail equipment; Andrew Burchell, Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; portable light control; Peter Badger, West Bridgford School, Nottingham; table-tennis trainer; Caroline Brooks, Lucy Frederick and Jacqueline Lane, College of Further Education, South Macclesfield, Derby; leg aligner for knee-joint operations; Fay Champion and Jeremy Dawe, Lacham College of Agriculture, Chippenham, Wiltshire;

silage additive carrier; Alexander Dowson and James Strachan, Marley High School, Leeds; computerized stage lighting; Roger Evans, Quality Assurance Centre, Bromley, south London; broken-drill remover; Mark Fallon and Stewart Twilton, Lucas Electrical, Birmingham; digital-code reader; Paul Edwards and Keith Goddard, Marconi, Camberley; communicator; Paul Bolton, John Mullenger, Garry Oldfield and Stephen Parkinson, Vickers Instruments, York; child-development toy

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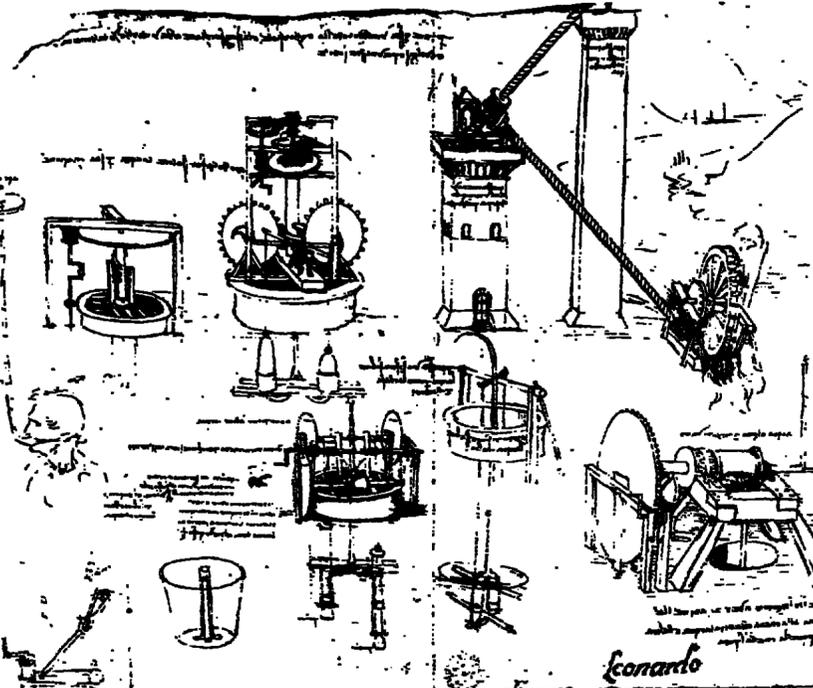
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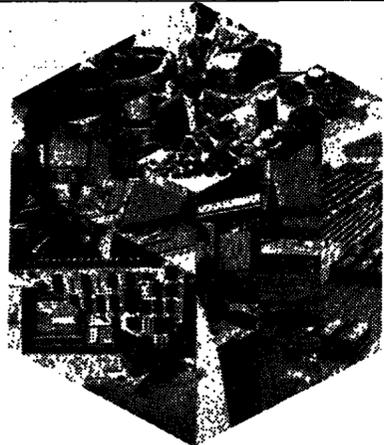
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Ideas that make commercial sense

Three earlier winners in the annual Young Engineer competitions will be showing in a special exhibition as part of this year's competition...

Joanne Gambell, now 18 and living at Knutsford in Cheshire, won a special prize last year with her collapsible carrycot which she designed and made.

Andrew Lavender is another 18-year-old in the north-west who was one of last year's finalists with an anti-roll device for wheelchairs.

Christopher Whittingham, 18, of Trent College, Nottingham, is searching for wider applications for his invention, a tree injector.

was in the competition finals last year. His injector releases insecticide safely into trees, such as the oil palm. Market research is now being carried out.

The exhibition to which they will contribute will be called Engineering Enterprise, aimed at showing finalists in the Young Engineer competition how they can convert their ideas into commercially successful products.

An active school cooperative is setting up an exhibit to show how schools can develop, manufacture and market their own engineering products, giving pupils first-hand experience of commercial realities.

The co-operative is the Chair Buggy Company formed by Oakdale Comprehensive School at Gwent, in Wales, commemorating the chair buggy from the school which won a prize in the 1983 competitions.



Joanne Gambell, aged 18, won the 1985 special prize for this collapsible carry-cot; Andrew Lavender was one of last year's finalists with an anti-roll device for wheelchairs

And it came to pass...the council had divine inspiration

Is nothing sacred in Industry Year? The Engineering Council, in one of its more inspired attempts to convert the masses to the wonders of engineering, has written to 250 church leaders offering a sermon for use in the pulpit or parish magazine to mark Industry Year, writes Teresa Poole.

"Was Noah the first engineer?" the sermon reads. "It could be argued that God Himself in creating the earth and all the creatures and wonders upon it, could be so honoured. Many would suggest, however, that God was the first scientist."

Preaching engineering's importance to the industrial success of Britain has been a major part of Industry Year. Sir Geoffrey Chandler, Industry Year's director, said, "I think the words industry and engineering are almost synonymous in the way that the year has treated them."

Engineering is a vital part of industry. If one gets the approach to industry right, one also gets the approach to engineering right. Engineering is the part, industry is the whole.

If the British public has a low opinion of industry, engineering particularly suffers from it. Dr Kenneth Miller, director general of the Engineering Council and chairman of the Engineering Working Group for Industry Year, said: "The rest of the world does not have this hang-up."

Was old Noah the first?

He has spearheaded a campaign which has had the backing of the Engineering Industry Training Board, the Equal Opportunities Commission, the Women's Engineering Society and all 45 engineering bodies. The message is clear: Britain has a deep-seated cultural problem in not valuing engineering, industry and the creation of wealth.

Employers have been told to open their doors to families, schools and communities and to set up joint activities with people in further and higher education. Institutions have been persuaded to highlight the contribution engineering makes to the overall success of British industry.

Perhaps the greatest emphasis has been on strengthening links with educational establishments. "We have to get industry into the schools."

says Dr Miller. This means talking to both pupils and teachers. The students need to be persuaded to consider engineering as a career while teachers sometimes have to be updated both about the demands of industry and what it can offer. A programme, Opening the Windows on Engineering, was already in place before this year began; it provides newly qualified engineers to talk to schoolchildren about their careers.

So far about five per cent of schools have been covered, but the aim is to reach 80 per cent in five years. "We can go to schools and say there are jobs." An Engineering Council survey in late 1985 found just 1 per cent unemployment among qualified engineers.

Sir Geoffrey says: "If people understand that engineering actually makes things, they will realise that it is more interesting than most of our jobs."

During Industry Year, about half the nation's 7,400 secondary schools have linked with companies and more than 3,000 people around Britain are involved in a national network of Industry Year groups.

By working through a variety of organizations including schools, unions, churches and industry, Industry Year has tried to reach all parts of society. The sermon even prompted letters of support from two bishops.

Excitement of the young challenge

A basket of initiatives by the Engineering Council is targeted on increasing schoolchildren's awareness of the prospects offered by engineering. Among them is a regionalized scheme, the Opening Windows on Engineering service, whose planned expansion should soon take it into most secondary schools.

Graham Anthony, the council's industry director, said: "Essentially we are trying to get more design-and-make activities into the schools, linking theory and practice and helping children with things, but working with people and improving economic awareness."

It stops their being entirely boxed in by the concept that, above all, examinations must be passed, he said.

The windows scheme, a free service to schools, started as a pilot experiment just over 10 years ago, supported initially by the big three professional bodies in engineering - the Institution of Civil Engineers, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Institution of Electrical Engineers. It was subsequently developed by the Council of Engineering Institutions, the old umbrella organization for the professional bodies in engineering, and then from 1984 by the Engineering Council after it took over the main work of the CEL.

The central aim was to get practising professional engineers to tell youngsters what engineering was all about. It is directed at boys and girls between 12 and 15. To put the message across in a bigger way, the Engineering Council is developing a regional task force of younger engineers. They will be mostly between 25 and 30 years old, the sort of people who, as Mr Anthony explained, are "still in touch with their own school days".

He said: "These young engineers are trained how to present their jobs to a school audience. There is no attempt to give direct careers advice. They talk about the excitement and challenge of their jobs, thus sowing a seed at a crucial point in a child's development."

A five-year plan aimed at schools

Because take-up on the service in the past has been patchy, latterly involving only about 5 per cent of secondary schools, the council has launched a five-year plan to reach 80 per cent of Britain's 7,000-plus secondary schools.

The service could eventually be used by almost 5,000 schools, Mr Anthony believes. This means each of the council's 19 regional organizations will need about 80

"window openers" on their books.

Each will normally do the job, which means giving a 40-minute talk to school groups, for about three years, so once initial recruitment is completed there will still be a need to train up to 30 openers each year. A big recruitment campaign starts at the end of this month.

Industrial companies affiliated to the council are being asked to encourage their young engineers to help with the service. Mr Anthony said: "We want more young engineers to be active and to be seen."

He has been impressed with the quality of those already becoming involved. He added: "They are not only extremely competent at their jobs, they are eloquent, articulate and fun as well as being committed, caring people."

He also sees as crucial the development of the link between industrial companies, young engineers, teachers and pupils. When the young engineers have finished their stint on the windows service they will be encouraged to become school governors. This will not only cement relations between schools, the industry and the engineering profession, but could also bring direct influence to bear on a school's academic culture and curriculum.

Among academics there was

a small group of vociferous people who still saw education as needing to be totally remote from industry, said Mr Anthony. But by and large he was finding among teachers nothing but willingness to move forward and change. He said: "These teachers are now aware of the economic realities and are very positive in their attitudes."

That this is badly needed is all too apparent. There has been a dearth of engineering skills for some years now. There is not only an engineering skills crisis now and for some years but the population of youngsters ripe for education beyond 18 is declining.

In 1981 there were 900,000 18-year-olds, but by the mid-

Up to 200 could be involved

dle of the next decade this figure will be down by a third to 600,000. As Mr Anthony pointed out, it means that if the needs of modern engineering are to be met the industry will have to get a much bigger slice of the smaller cake.

"This is at a time when most people see engineering in terms of redundancies, job losses and factory closures and at a time when there is so much growth in the services sector that traditional middle-class people tell their children to go into the service industries because there they see security," Mr Anthony said. "It was true that the number of craftsmen in engineering was still going down and he expected the decline to continue. But for skilled jobs, involving the technologists, scientists and technicians, demand was going up, he

pointed out, and added: "The demand for those at technical level and above is insatiable."

But what kind of problem would be faced by anybody taking the engineering route academically and then opting out later? Mr Anthony said: "Anybody with an understanding of the world of technology is extremely well placed to do any job. It involves judgment, financial skills and skills in handling people. It involves all the life skills for pretty well any job. We would argue that even if somebody could not get a job in a particular engineering area they would have the skills to adapt to a whole range of activities."

Another localized initiative is the neighbourhood engineer scheme aimed at getting in place two to three engineers in every area to help teachers, parents and pupils on anything relating to engineering. This can range from careers advice to helping to set up school projects or arranging visits to local industrial companies.

An experiment has been launched, centred on Cardiff, the target being schools in south Wales, with up to 200 likely to be involved.

Mr Anthony said: "If we are to be effective we have to cover the whole country with schemes like this. That is a major challenge but we are not playing games. This is a deadly serious business. "Unless the right messages get through and alter cultural attitudes to job creation then a fundamental objective is not being achieved."

Another initiative has been to promote a problem-solving approach in the nation's 25,000 primary schools.

With primary school teachers being predominantly women and arts graduates, a key factor in introducing the new approach will be in influencing teacher training. But the council is also studying how to encourage existing teachers and the schools to back the idea.

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Never rely on a man in a white suit. A white suit is the uniform of hubris. The man in the white suit, be he Tom Wolfe, Melvyn Bragg or John Travolta, stands suspected of being too clever by half. *Oedipus the King* (BBC2) ventured into the world of modern dramatic convention by dressing the tragic monarch in creamy gaberdine, and at once his curses upon the man whose sins had blighted the kingdom of Thebes acquired a new, hollow ring.

The production's major strategy, to give the modern television audience easy access to Sophocles, was a new translation by the play's director, Don Taylor. This went considerably further than the white suit in projecting the play's emotional power, which is commonly obscured by 2,000 years of reverence and the conventions of classical Greek drama.

It may not have been strictly necessary for *Oedipus* to revile the blind seer Teiresias as a "paranormal stunt-man", but at least such language was designed to keep the watching millions awake.

The aggressively contemporary translation swiftly threw aspects of the characters into sharp relief: Michael Pennington's king was a bluff, forthright ruler, a believer in open government and plain dealing, and therefore all the more tragic when his destiny was laid bare; John Shrapnell's Creon was the usual archetypal smoothie; and while Sir John Gielgud's Teiresias occupied the screen, the knell of doom was sounded with authority.

The conventions of a studio-bound BBC play are probably just as stifling as those of ancient Greek theatre. The stepped sets which resound at every footfall, the cunningly illuminated blank backdrop and the awkward business of having characters walk on and off a stage, when the film-trained eye wants them to appear quickly in close-up, all tempt the attention to wander.

In addition the play was set in a sort of notional 19th century, with a chorus of stalwart citizens who seemed to have wandered in from the Isben being filmed in the next-door studio. Claire Bloom as Jocasta was costumed in a style reminiscent of Joan Collins in a crimped wig.

This production, the first of a trilogy of the Theban plays, overcame all these uncertain innovations and sustained more than two hours of screen-time at a high dramatic pitch with considerable success.

Celia Brayfield



For all its visual command and the tragic intensity of Placido Domingo in the title-role, the film of *Otello* by Franco Zeffirelli (left), which receives its British charity premiere at the Barbican on Monday, is likely to antagonize some of the operatic purists: the director here explains his approach and purpose to John Higgins

Stirring up the horrors within every one of us

Franco Zeffirelli's film of Verdi's *Otello* opens around the world this month. Vienna saw it first, then came Paris last week followed by New York over the weekend; London's turn arrives on Monday with a charity premiere at the Barbican. There is not likely to be too much debate over the visual command of the movie or over the tragic intensity of Domingo in the title role; Zeffirelli has turned Katia Ricciarelli from an opera singer into a screen actress as Desdemona and has drawn from Justino Diaz an Iago that will surprise those who have seen the Puerto Rican baritone give some distinctly wooden performances in other roles on stage. No, the arguments will come over what Zeffirelli has decided to exclude and, perhaps even more controversially, on what he has added.

When the first Italian opera films started to emerge after the war, considerable liberties were taken with both score and libretto. Then came a reaction: opera, it was believed, was best filmed inside the theatre, as a replica of the stage performance. The late Paul Czinner led this school of thought. Years later Joseph Losey changed

all that with his *Don Giovanni*, which Zeffirelli describes as "a bit of a self-indulgence for a selected audience". Zeffirelli's own *Otello* has certainly not been aimed at a selected audience and is highly likely to provoke purists. The score, as generally played in the opera house, has lost about 25 minutes with some very obvious cuts — the Act I chorus "Fuoco di gioia", much of the Act III *concertato*, Desdemona's Willow Song — and some less obvious ones such as Otello's first outburst of jealousy in Act II.

Zeffirelli was speaking in Paris and his defence was well prepared. "When Verdi and Boito, to say nothing of Rossini before them, took Shakespeare's *Othello* they adapted it for a different medium. When I take *Otello* for the cinema I in turn have to adapt opera for a new medium: *Otello* has to speak the language of the cinema. When you make a movie you make something different and you adapt — it doesn't matter whether it is *Romeo and Juliet*. After years of living with Verdi's *Traviata* or Puccini's *Tosca* I cannot bear to see *La Dame aux Camélias* or Sardou's *Tosca* on stage. In the same way I

want to grab a movie audience I have to speak their language.

"You mention the musical cut of *Otello*'s first expression of jealousy; well, that is replaced by an exchange of glances with Iago, a pure piece of cinema. In the same way the substitution of "Fuoco di gioia" — a boring chorus, to say nothing of the technical problems of filming choruses — with a ballet is a piece of pure theatre."

Zeffirelli's additions, including this ballet music which Verdi composed for the 1896 Paris production, open out the story with explanations while at other times closing in on the action. The betrothal of Otello and Desdemona is illustrated during the Love Duet, while the character of Iago is built up so that his death, spearheaded by Otello, is probably for the first time, in full view. On the other hand Zeffirelli uses interiors almost throughout, once the opening scene is over, concentrating on castle walls, gloomy and shadowy. A castle in Barbata and the Venetian (appropriately enough) fortress in Heraklion were the main locations.

"This use of interiors is quite



Savage clash of cultures: Katia Ricciarelli and Placido Domingo as Desdemona and Otello in the new film

deliberate. I believe *Otello* to be an opera about cages and prisons. Even Verdi's Act II garden is a prison garden, a bit like the one in *Fidelio*, as you say. Remember the Orson Welles film of *Othello*? He took exactly the same view. It is a claustrophobic opera. My *Otello* is quite different to my film of *Traviata* and, I think, more successful. *Traviata* is altogether a lighter piece, almost a comforting piece. *Otello* stars up the horrendous areas within us, reminds us of how terrible we can be to one another."

Zeffirelli's first contact with Domingo as Otello came in the Scala production of December 7, 1976, a night of considerable tensions within and without the theatre, as Zeffirelli describes in his forthcoming autobiography (*Zeffirelli*, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, £14.95, published next Monday). In it Zeffirelli made it quite clear that Otello was a Moor who had taken on the Christian faith and then gradually loses it under the goadings of Iago. Before deciding to murder Desdemona, Otello consigns his crucifix to the flames, the film, like that Scala production, is very much a Catholic interpreta-

tion of the opera and one which might not have pleased Shakespeare.

"I think in that Scala performance we fixed the interpretation. Placido has done many other *Otello*s, but often it is just a matter of changing the costume."

Götz Friedrich, currently preparing Domingo for his hundredth stage *Otello*, which will open the Los Angeles opera season next month, may not agree. But that Scala performance was televised all over Europe and might have been the start of the present film.

"I don't think so, except that part of the excitement of the Scala *Otello* was bringing it through television to an enormous audience. But at the same time it raised irritations. There were thoughts in my mind of what might have been in the past: why wasn't there a tape of a Corelli performance, why had we never filmed Maria [Callas] as Anna Bolena or Joan [Sutherland] as Alcina — one of my best achievements, I still believe. And there was anger about the things that were not right: a close-up here, a camera angle that did not correspond with the beat of the

music. These are things in a television transmission that can be corrected in a film. As I get older I become more choosy, more demanding."

In an opera film drawing on Zeffirelli's full resources of invention and interpretation, which "solution" has given him most satisfaction?

"Probably the character of Cassio. We deliberately cast a young aristocrat [Urbano Barberini] in the role, who could almost have been a brother to Desdemona. I see Cassio as a magnificent boy who unleashes the instincts of others, in contrast to that pallid figure of some *Otello* productions. Things happen around Cassio of which he is totally unaware — a bit like Tazio in *Death in Venice*. There is no doubt that Barberini does flash his pectorals with distinction.

EMI's recording of the soundtrack — a full version of *Otello*, I am assured — comes out at the end of the month.

Domingo, Ricciarelli and Diaz lead the cast of Covent Garden's new *Otello* production next year.

Concerts

British celebration of Henze

BBCPO/Knussen
Alte Oper,
Frankfurt/Radio 3

Thanks largely to the BBC and the London Sinfonietta, at last it seems that in this country are giving the music of Hans Werner Henze something like its due.

On Monday night — following the City of Birmingham Orchestra's splendid performance of his enigmatic, intensely romantic Seventh Symphony in the Prom season just ended — the BBC Philharmonic, conducted by Oliver Knussen, gave the so-called "preludes" for piano, tape and orchestra, *Tristan*, completed in 1973, as part of

the Frankfurt Festival's extensive sixtieth birthday celebrations for the composer.

The Seventh Symphony may yet prove to be a masterpiece, but I do not doubt that *Tristan* is anything other than that. Henze's mind, as he himself has fulsomely explained, was preoccupied in the period of its conception with several tragedies in his personal and political life that seem to have piled up on one another, the deaths, some of them untimely and terrible, of friends and colleagues, the end of democracy and the rise to power of Pinochet in Chile. At the same time the work's Wagnerian trigger was, of course, Wagner, whose search for the answer to the unanswerable, particularly in his own *Tristan*, is clearly mirrored in Henze's art.

In Henze's *Tristan* the opposing forces are faced squarely, unequivocally represented by the dogged sounds of the opening of Brahms's First Symphony — which symbolizes, one assumes, a rigid old hierarchy, musical, political and social — and more cynically by the quotation in

the section called "Tristan's Madness" of Chopin's Funeral March.

A work which so luxuriates in adverse personal circumstance runs considerable risk of being accused of self-indulgence, but Henze has always been unafraid of exploring his deepest emotions in public. Nobody, surely, could be immune to the power of *Tristan*'s final, great climax, when on tape a young boy speaks Gottfried von Strassburg's lines describing the two lovers' deaths, a gently pulsating heartbeat and Wagner's "Trübheit". Lied sounding beneath. That moment alone justifies the work.

This was a performance thoroughly fit for such music, precise, violent where it needed to be, beautifully melodic elsewhere. And that applied as much to the solo pianist, Ian Brown, whose part is devilishly complex, as it did to the orchestra.

A reduced version of the BBCPO, together with the BBC Singers, Teresa Cahill (soprano), Susan Kessler (mezzo), Neil Jenkins (tenor)

RPO Gala
Albert Hall

An organization's fortieth birthday is not generally feted with a royal gala, but when that organization is a London orchestra one can understand the desire simply to celebrate survival in an unstable and sometimes hostile environment.

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra has seen bad times as well as good in the 40 years (to the day) since that famous Sunday afternoon in Croydon when Sir Thomas Beecham unveiled his new toy. One thinks of the early 1960s (the "Swiss Cottage years") or of perilous brinkmanship within the last decade when the public purse was snatched away. But the players have stuck together, survived with style and latterly prospered.

Indeed, so numerous have its session bookings now be-

come, the RPO sometimes gives the impression of appearing in two places at once. Well, long may they stay in profit.

Quite an array of titled guests presented themselves here. Music director, conductor laureate, president, principal guest conductor, associate conductor: all took a turn in the middle. No baronets, though.

It was appropriate that the present music director, André Previn, should conduct the evening's most pleasurable offering, a vividly coloured account of *A London Symphony* by Vaughan Williams. Perhaps the Albert Hall's spacious acoustics enhance Previn's own penchant for opulence, because this performance seemed altogether better balanced and more naturally shaped than when the same forces presented it at the Festival Hall last season. The playing was entirely worthy of

Richard Morrison

the occasion; the brass making something refreshingly tangy of the more dissonant counterpoints; the violins negotiating the Nocturne's high-lying tune with *soffo* voice jauntiness; the wind solos in the Leato done with just the right feeling of misty reticence.

That was the second half; the first had seen a formidable procession of conductors: Sir Charles Groves for six bars of the National Anthem (noisy), Yuri Temirkanov for the *William Tell* Overture (noisier, but not much longer), Groves again for a sensitive performance of Delius's *The Walk to the Paradise Garden*, then Antal Dorati instilling a characteristic muscularity into the orchestral playing of Brahms's Double Concerto. Here the soloists were Sir Yehudi Menuhin and Paul Tortelier, who fulfilled every expectation.

Advertisement for the play 'The Petition' by Brian Clark, directed by Peter Hall. It features John Mills and Rosemary Harris. The text describes the play as 'hypnotic performances' and 'shocks and stirs one'. It includes contact information for Wyndham's Theatre and Apollo Theatre.

ILEA Schools
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Festival Hall

The ILEA Schools Symphony Orchestra is perhaps one of the few bands in the world to boast vermilion and emerald green *coiffures* among its ranks. But the hair-styles of the cellist and violinist in question are merely visual pointers to an unusually vivid orchestral palette, most flatteringly displayed on Monday by the music of Verdi and Debussy.

pers Overture positively glowed from the cellos, and even the exposed high violins sang out freely and nimbly.

Moretti knows how to bring out the best in his soloists, too: the orchestra has a formidable presence, for instance, and a deft, imaginative timpanist in Michael Folkes. They were all given their head in *La Mer*. When it comes to detail and carefully moulded ensemble work, Moretti is on shaker ground. More precise direction from the band, as well as a strong groundswell from the arms, would have made for fiber blending and a vital steadying of the woodwind's share of the third movement's "Dialogue".



Hans Werner Henze: not afraid to express emotion

and Alan Opie (baritone), earlier tackled the stormy cantata *Novae de Infinito Laudes* (1962) with equal commitment under Simon Joly. John Aldis then conducted 24 unaccompanied singers from the choir in a delicately controlled, finely pitched reading of *Orythia Behind the Wire* (1983): five choruses which set Edward Bond's poetic commentary to *Orpheus*, his balladic collaboration with the composer, in lush, intuitive manner.

Stephen Pettitt

Hilary Finch

and their was a highly-strung performance. Lysy's strength lay in his vigilance for every chance to modulate the cello's timbre to fit the music's harmonic movement, and Cappelletti, whose violin playing has something of Perlman's silver refinement about it, showed his stature as a soloist precisely in his readiness to make such lively chamber music with his colleague and his accompanist.

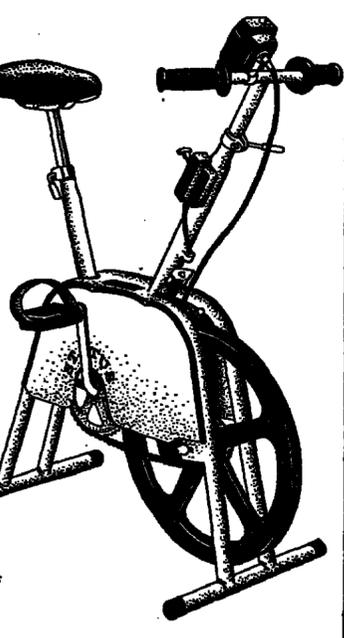
Suffragette performance

A 45-minute platform performance of *How the Vote was Won*, from a new collection of original suffragette plays edited by Dale Spender and Carole Hayman, plays in the Cottesloe Theatre next Tuesday and subsequently on September 25, 26, 29 and 30. The cast includes Peter Altard, Craig Crosbie, Mary McCloud, Jacquetta May, Catherine Neilson, Celestine Randall and Janet Whiteside. The director is Paddy Taylor.

● Tony Harrison, whose versions of *The Misanthrope*, *The Orestia* and *The Mysteries* have all been presented with huge success at the National Theatre, reads from his book *Theatre Works 1973-1985* at 6pm on Wednesday of next week in the Cottesloe Theatre, to coincide with its publication in paperback by Penguin. Some of the original creators of the roles, including Diana Rigg, will be joining him in this presentation.

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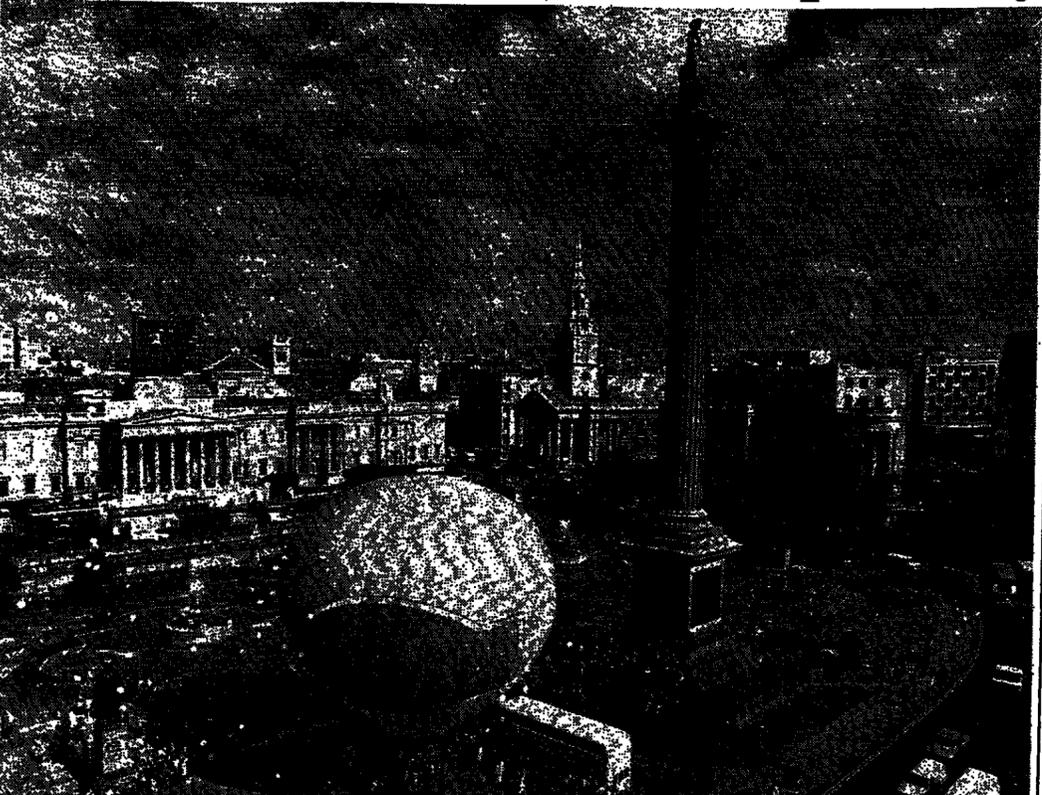
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As well as compensation, the union has demanded the reinstatement of some of its members...

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Flight for peace by Archbishop's envoy



The peace balloon takes off, carrying Mr Terry Waite and actor Bill Oddie. (Photographs: Harry Kerr and Chris Harris.)

EEC in sanctions deal

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opposed the coal ban not because of West German trade interests but because of the likely harm to black workers in South Africa.

He maintained that the compromise had saved the EEC's credibility, but stressed Bonn's continuing scepticism over sanctions.

The Ministers laid stress on positive measures such as EEC aid to opponents of apartheid.

The balloon went up for peace yesterday and took Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, with it.

Mr Waite was launching a peace appeal in Trafalgar Square as one of the passengers in a hot air balloon.

After a bumpy flight he commented: "There are easier ways of getting to heaven."

Mr Waite, 46, is a patron of the Million Minutes of Peace Appeal which yesterday urged people all over the world to stop for a minute and think about peace.

Children released balloons and stood in silence for 60 seconds.



Frank Johnson at the SDP

The awful silence of serious politics

After a couple days of an SPD conference, it is the terrible silence of it that begins to get to you.

The only sounds in the big modern hall are the speaker and the polite applause each time the speaker changes.

There are not many people coming and going. At the start of the debate, the hall is either full or half full, and it tends to stay that way until the debate ends.

At the Labour Party conference, the gangways are thronged with people chatting, plotting, scratching, spitting, swearing, vomiting.

After a while, one realizes that people have come here to listen to the speeches. Again, that makes the SDP conference completely different from the conferences of the other parties.

Labour people go to their conference in order to shout during the speeches. Conservatives go to their conference in order to stand and ovate at the end of the speeches.

Liberals go to theirs in order to make speeches. But the SDP has introduced a new kind of conference: the one that people go to in order to listen to the speeches.

That is because the SDP is the party of people who are interested in politics. Again, that is something new in this country.

The Labour Party, and the increasingly radicalized Liberal Party, are not really about anything as mundane and complicated as politics.

The SDP is a pro-crèche party too. They have set up at least one here in Harrogate. Their advocacy of crèches is to do with a genuine belief that we cannot have too many of the things. Labour and Liberal advocacy of crèches is obviously some sort of code for hatred of men.

What all this interesting in politics results in, then, is the silence. In the great days of BBC radio, or wireless as it was then known, the plays were often about great silences such as the one that has now lasted three days in Harrogate.

Yesterday, too, Mrs Williams delivered her presidential address. She rose promptly on time, exactly at 2 pm. That is almost certainly because they had told her she would be on at 11 am.

Today's events

Royal engagements: The Princess of Wales presents the prizes at the Young Engineer for Britain Competition...

Paintings in watercolour and pencil by Bill Senior; Ridditch Public Library, Mon, Thurs and Fri 10 to 7...

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Birth: William Carlos Williams, poet, Rutherford, New Jersey, 1897.

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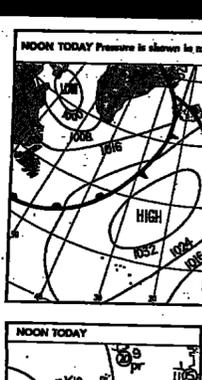
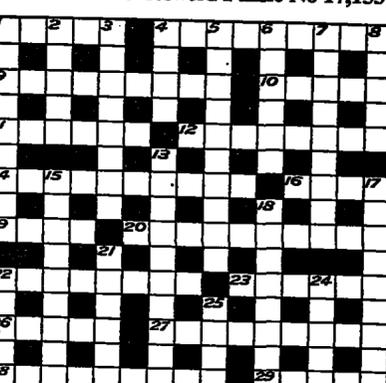


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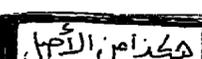
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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1262.2 (-27.4)

FT-SE 100
1596.7 (-31.6)

Bargains
21590

USM (Datstream)
124.23 (-0.65)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4745 (-0.0070)

W German mark
3.0213 (-0.0160)

Trade-weighted
70.9 (-0.2)

Reebok in \$118m deal

Canton, Massachusetts (AP-Dow Jones) - Reebok International announced here that it has agreed in principle to purchase Rockport Co., a footwear manufacturer, of Marlboro, Massachusetts. The purchase price is \$118.5 million (£80.07) in cash, and the acquisition is expected to be completed by November 1.

Rockport had sales of \$64 million in 1985, and its sales in 1986 are expected to be about \$100 million.

Rockport, which will operate autonomously, will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reebok.

73% accept

Corton Beach, which is bidding for Tern Group, has acceptances for 73.7 per cent of the ordinary shares, 100 per cent of redeemable shares and 97.2 per cent of preference shares. The offer is conditional on acceptances for 90 per cent of the ordinary shares.

Croda up 15%

Croda International, the specialty chemicals group, yesterday announced pretax profits up 15 per cent at £11.8 million for the six months to June 29 on turnover down 18 per cent. The interim dividend was unchanged at 3p net.

Low buys

Robert H Lowe is to acquire Nelsons Labels (Manchester) and C U Black for a total of £1.4 million through the issue of 1.17 million shares. Nelsons is a lithographic printer and Black a textile merchant.

US deals

Cement-Roadstone Holdings is buying two California companies - California Concrete Pipe Corporation for \$2.5 million (£1.69 million) and Hurst Concrete Products for \$3.4 million (£2.29 million).

Evered rises

Evered Holdings, the engineering group, increased its pretax profits from £2.5 million to £4.19 million in the first half of the year. The interim dividend goes up from 1.25p to 1.75p a share.

£2m call

Bromsgrove Industries is raising £2.2 million through a two-for-three rights issue at 70p a share. The cash will provide working capital and flexibility in financing further acquisitions and will reduce borrowings.

No referral

The acquisition of Payless DIY by Ward White Group will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones 1758.86 (-8.72)
Nikkei Dow 17843.19 (-637.33)
Hang Kong 1927.97 (-14.37)
Amsterdam Gen 386.1 (+1.9)
Sydney: AO 1222.1 (-2.5)
Frankfurt
Commerzbank 2035.0 (same)
Bussel:
General 3950.98 (+42.89)
Paris: CAC 377.0 (-8.8)
Zurich
SKA General n/a
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INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 10%
3-month interbank 9 1/8-9 3/4%
3-month sterling bills 9 1/2-9 3/4%
buying rate

US:
Prime Rate 7.50%
Federal Funds 9 1/4-9 1/2%
3-month Treasury Bills 5.12-5.11%
30-year bonds 9 1/2-9 3/4%

CURRENCIES

London: New York
£: \$1.4745
DM: 3.0213
Sfr: 2.4225
FF: 6.5575
Yen: 230.54
Index: 70.9

New York:
£: \$1.4720
DM: 3.0250
Sfr: 2.4225
FF: 6.5575
Yen: 230.54
Index: 70.9

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISER:
B&K Engineering 189p (+10p)
Wedgewood 37 1/2p (+18p)
Topo Estates 26p (+20p)
Brit Group 118p (+15p)
City of Aberdeen 94p (+20p)
Sainsbury 35p (+14p)

FALLS:
Turner & Newall 18 1/2p (-13p)
Merrison (John) 20 1/2p (-30p)
C Cas 48p (-10p)
Delagat 27 1/2p (-20p)
Matthews B 48p (-12p)
Lingard 28 1/2p (-15p)
Sparhouse 88p (-15p)
Woodworth 68 1/2p (-15p)
Costs Vyvella 48 1/2p (-12p)
Fisons 48 1/2p (-20p)
C Cas 48p (-10p)
Berlayts 48 1/2p (-12p)
GRE 80 1/2p (-20p)
RTZ 58 1/2p (-22p)
Bromsgrove Ind 72p (-22p)

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM \$413.55 (m-\$417.25)
close \$414.00-415.00 (\$280.25-281.00)

New York:
Comex \$417.10-417.85

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct.) pm \$13.65bb (\$14.00)
Denotes latest trading price

Historic deal for International Stock Exchange

The Stock Exchange and the International Securities Regulatory Organization yesterday announced they were to join forces, bringing the trading of gilts, domestic and foreign equities and options under one roof.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, the Stock Exchange chairman, in a letter to the Exchange's members described the move as a "historic decision". He said: "The new unified Stock Exchange would become not only a very significant force in the trade in international securities, but possibly the most important such market in the world."

Discussions on the possibility of a link-up have been held since the end of last year, after concern that the formation of ISRO, chaired by Mr Ian Steers, to regulate international securities as well as Eurobonds, could lead to fragmentation of the equity market in London. Sir Nicholas said in yesterday's letter to members that this "could have creamed off a considerable proportion of the top end of our domestic equity market."

"The marketability of securities in the Stock Exchange would be bound to suffer if market-making firms switched part of their risk capital to another exchange," he added.

The move has the blessing of the Bank of England and the Securities and Investments Board. It will create a new bipartite structure consisting of a self-regulating organization and a Recognized Investment Exchange, each having their own governing body but sharing a common administration. Both the SRO and RIE will be governed by equal numbers of representatives from the Stock Exchange and ISRO.

The new body will be responsible for the rules of conduct of Eurobond traders but not for the actual trading of Eurobonds. This will be governed by the Association of International Bond Dealers. The SRO will be responsible for formulating a rule book governing matters such as membership, conduct of business and compensation, which must satisfy the requirements of the SIB.

It will be known as the Securities Association, and will have a governing body of 25, made up of nine practitioners each appointed by ISRO and the Stock Exchange, six independent lay members, and a chairman who will be either a practitioner or an independent member.

At the same time ISRO and the Stock Exchange will form a single Recognized Investment Exchange under the impending financial services legislation. This will provide an organized market framework, containing provisions for monitoring and reporting transactions.

The new RIE will be officially named the International Stock Exchange of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, but known as the Stock Exchange.



Ian Steers, left, and Sir Nicholas Goodison announcing the link-up of the Stock Exchange and ISRO at the Bank of England yesterday.

Governor pessimistic on regulation of markets

The Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, yesterday cast gloom over the prospect of achieving an international system of regulation for securities markets.

He emphasized, however, that such a system was more than ever necessary as increasing globalization of equity markets created a danger of too lax or too strict supervision of market participants.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton told international bankers and supervisors: "The difficulties associated with different regulations, and the variety of supervisors involved, suggest to me that a multilateral approach is unlikely to make rapid progress."

But, in a speech to the same group, Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, took a contrasting view on the regulation of international equities.

He said: "I believe the necessary agreements can be reached without doing violence to the essential principles and style of each country's regulatory regime."

Mr Howard added that the Memorandum of Understanding, covering the exchange of information about financial fraud, was being signed with the US authorities next week, and he hoped agreements with other countries, particularly Japan, would follow.

The speeches were made to the Group of 30 Symposium - chaired by Lord Richardson of Dunsborough, a former governor of the Bank of England - which was meeting to discuss the globalization of equity markets and the problems of supervision this raised. The number of companies with shares quoted on more than one market has doubled since 1984.

Sir Kenneth Berrill, chairman of the Securities and Investment Board, told the meeting that a pragmatic approach to international regulation was necessary. It would have to be done piecemeal if it was ever to be achieved.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton told the gathering that financial conglomerates whose risks were spread across different markets were less prone to collapse, but they were more complicated to supervise.

A lead regulator in each market was needed, but no solution to differences of regulation between countries had yet been found.

Tokyo triggers fall in world markets

Stockmarkets worldwide again went into decline yesterday, led by the Tokyo market which suffered its largest one day fall.

This reversal more than wiped out Monday's gains in London when the market had staged a partial recovery after last week's plunge in share prices. But a later recovery in New York prompted hopes that share prices could now stabilize.

Tokyo, which had been shut on Monday for a national holiday, closed 637.33 points lower at 17,463.19 and set the scene for nervous trading throughout the rest of the world.

London opened quietly as dealers waited for New York to start trading. But stock market jitters set in by noon amid rumours, which were later dismissed by the bank as "irresponsible and absolutely groundless", that Bankamerica was in financial difficulties.

The FT-SE 100 shareindex, which by mid afternoon had fallen 36.9 to 1591.4, recovered slightly to close 31.6 down at 1596.7 while the FT 30 share index closed 27.4 lower at 1262.2.

In the US, the Dow Jones industrial average lost 22.78 points in early trading. By noon it had recovered to 1761.95, down 5.63, cheered by a denial from the Federal Bank Regulator that Bank of America had problems. A slight 0.1 per cent rise in August industrial production calmed some inflationary fears, but failed to prompt a rally.

Dealers in London described trading as thin and cautious and said that conditions remained volatile. "Everyone is watching everyone else," said one analyst.

The sharp fall in Japan, its second record-breaking decline in two working days, was seen as a response - delayed by the holiday - to Wall Street's decline on Friday.

Many leading equities showed falls of double figures with international stocks among the hardest hit. Glaxo lost 15p to 935p, Beechams 13p to 393p, BP 12p to 653p, and Jaguar 10p to 503p. Fisons, which produced interim results at the bottom end of expectations, lost 20p to 58 1/2p.

British Government bonds were also lower generally down between 1/4 and 1 1/2 by the close.

On the foreign exchange markets, sterling eased slightly, losing three quarters of a cent to 1.4745 against the dollar while the effective exchange rate slipped 0.2 to 70.9.

US deficit at record \$34.73bn

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The United States current account deficit was a record \$34.73 billion (£23.47 billion) in the second quarter of this year, the Department of Commerce announced yesterday.

The figure eclipsed the previous revised shortfall of \$34.04 billion in the first quarter. The deficit in the second quarter of 1985 was \$29.42 billion.

The new figure came amid fears that the country is likely to surpass the \$117.68 billion record deficit - the figure includes trade and merchandise and services and financial transactions - for the whole of 1985. Earlier yesterday the Federal Reserve Board reported that US industrial production increased by 0.1 per cent in August after a revised 0.3 per cent increase in July.

Although the merchandise trade deficit fell by \$400 million to \$36 billion in the second quarter, an increase in unilateral transfers, including US foreign aid, more than offset the decline. Exports rose by \$1.1 billion because of gold shipped to Japan.

Imports rose by \$700 million. The higher intake of cars and capital equipment was partly offset by a drop in oil imports.

August PSBR soars to £1.8 bn

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The public sector borrowing requirement was £1.8 billion in August, well above City expectations. However, borrowing is running below last year's levels.

The figure compared with a net repayment of £200 million in July. The cumulative borrowing requirement for the first five months of the 1986/87 fiscal year was £3.5 billion, compared with £3.3 billion in the corresponding period of last year.

Treasury officials said that the average August PSBR for the previous three years was £1.5 billion, and so last month's figure was not unusual. But, after a run of low borrowing figures, City analysts had expected a figure of around £1 billion.

The PSBR has not yet been affected by lower oil prices. Next month, according to the Treasury there will be net repayments of around £1 billion on advanced petroleum revenue tax payments. This compares with PRT receipts of £1.5 billion in September last year.

Government revenues are running ahead strongly. In the first five months of 1986/87, receipts were 12 per cent up on the corresponding period of last year, or 15.75 per cent excluding oil revenues.

Supply services expenditure in the first five months was three per cent up on the corresponding period of 1985/86.

The central government borrowing requirement was £1.1 billion last month, while local authorities borrowed a net £0.3 billion.

After the July PSBR figures, City analysts began to anticipate a substantial undershoot of this year's £7.1 billion official target. Yesterday, the mood was more cautious, although the general view was that borrowing remains broadly on target.

Fisons names day for Tilade launch in UK

By Alexandra Jackson

Tilade, Fisons' much acclaimed anti-asthma drug, is to be launched in the UK on September 22. The drug is similar to Fisons' other main anti-asthma product, Inhal, which has been in the group's portfolio for 15 years. Tilade is not expected to replace Inhal, but will complement it, being suitable for the treatment of acute and chronic bronchitis as well as extrinsic (allergic) and intrinsic asthma.

Fisons is market leader in this type of respiratory drug. In 1985, Inhal and associated products accounted for about 40 per cent of Fisons' profits.

The market for treating these diseases is estimated to be worth \$1.2 billion per annum and turnover from Tilade could grow to £200 million by the end of the decade, earning £50 million.

The Tilade announcement accompanied the group's half year results. Pre-tax profits rose by 24 per cent to £37.2 million on turnover 2 per cent ahead at £327.8 million. The dividend was increased from 2.16p to 2.55p.

No plans to disinvest says Consgold

By Richard Lander

Consolidated Gold Fields, the UK company most exposed to the political turmoil in South Africa, said yesterday it had no intention of reducing its investments there unless mandatory sanctions forced it to do so.

Mr Rudolph Agnew, the company's chairman, said it would comply with the law if mandatory sanctions were applied, but would not be affected by voluntary measures as it was an investor, rather than a producer.

Consgold owns 48 per cent of Gold Fields of South Africa, and direct stakes in a number of gold mines there. The operating profit of the South African interests fell from £64 million to £55.4 million.

Contributions from its other mining interests in Australia and North America, as well as the ARC construction material subsidiary, increased, but lower industrial and property profits and a loss on the investment portfolio meant that group pretax profits slipped from £114.9 million to £110.9 million.

Consgold is paying a final dividend of 16p, to make an unchanged total of 24.5p.

People's ghost haunts talks

By Harvey Elliot, Air Correspondent

When Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Transport, opens the debate on air transport liberalization between European transport ministers in London next month the spectre of People Express will be ever present.

For what happened in the United States this week - when People Express was swallowed up by the rapidly expanding Texas Air - has given pause for thought to all those in Europe who wanted liberalization and hoped that Europe's air transport industry could be reformed overnight.

Ever since the Americans opted for complete deregulation eight years ago, experts have warned of the growth of "mega carriers" - huge dominant airlines which would swamp the popular routes and later, when competition had vanished, increase prices from their position of monopoly.

So far there has been little evidence that such blatant anti-competitiveness is happening and passengers are benefitting from the competition and lower fares that deregulators predicted.

But the demise of People Express as an independent force is an example of how complete freedom can lead to the survival of a few only. And the European ministers, with the strident backing of their national airlines, will be anxious to ensure that such a problem does not arise in Europe.

Since 1978 there has been a succession of takeovers and mergers among American airlines. People Express took over a number of smaller carriers which had tried to compete but could not match the financial backing of bigger rivals. Now People Express has fallen victim to the cost cutting that has led to lower standards.

Texas Air, one of the biggest airlines in the US, already owns Continental and New York Air is in the final stages of negotiation to devour Eastern. If it succeeds it will become one of the new breed of mega carriers capable of flattening all rivals.

Other US airlines have made similar takeovers and Northwest, Delta and TWA have emerged as the giants.

Now the US Senate and fair trading authorities are worried about the monster they have created unwittingly when they proudly announced their plans for complete freedom of the skies.

The European Ministers, who may have thought that they could strike a deal to take their airlines some way down this path, may now change their minds and turn against the British who are keener to follow the route taken by the Americans.

What happened in America this week could mean that the chunk of light that was showing in European aviation policy has grown somewhat dimmer.

Subsidies dispute threatens Gatt talks

From Bailey Morris, Punta del Este, Uruguay

The European Economic Community will try to change world trade ministers' stand on agriculture in a move that could lead to a bitter confrontation with the US and developing countries during the Gatt negotiations here on a new world trade round.

Mr Willy de Clercq, the EEC external relations and trade commissioner, said yesterday the Common Market countries would seek "more balanced language" in the final communiqué under consideration by ministers.

Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry who is playing a key role in the negotiations, said, however, he was confident of a solution.

Ministers from other countries warned that if the EEC attempted to "open up" the language in the working document, other countries would follow suit, releasing a flood of new proposals that could wreck a new world trade round.

The ministers from India and Brazil strongly opposed proposals by the US and Europe to include services.

Developing countries are particularly hostile to EEC subsidy policies. Senior Julio Sanguinetti, the Uruguayan President, said: "Our historical problem is with the European Community. There is a problem with the United States but to a much lesser degree."

Mr de Clercq was also confident a compromise would be reached. "If we fail here, it will be the beginning of the end of the multilateral free trade system," he said.

The US and a group of agricultural exporting nations, led by Australia, Argentina and Thailand, the " Cairns group", want even stronger wording to restrict subsidies.

Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US trade representative, gave warning that agriculture was just one of the issues facing the US Congress. He said he would consider the most protectionist legislation since the 1930s.

Mr Yeutter said he must leave here by the weekend with a strong agreement in hand to use in his negotiations with the Senate. US officials predicted the bill would be passed by the Senate before the November elections which are heavily focused on trade issues.

President Reagan, who has threatened to veto the bill, said at the weekend: "Friendly nations, trying to help domestic producers, are undermining the well-being of farmers all over the world. The situation is intolerable."

US subsidies are estimated at \$35 billion a year and EEC subsidies are estimated at \$22 to \$25 billion.

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Turnover in year ending 31 December 1985: £2,577,600,000. Source: Annual Report 11/3/86.



BURMAH

The Burmah Oil plc. Turnover net of duties in year ending 31 December 1985: £1,457,500,000. Source: Annual Report 10/4/86.

WALL STREET

Dow tumbles in early trading

New York (Agencies) - The Dow Jones industrial average was down 17.86 points to 1,749.72, and the transportation index fell 9.25 to 731.50.

The decline in overseas markets and reports that Bankamerica would need buying out - strongly denied by the bank - pushed prices lower.

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Table of stock market data including columns for Sep 15, Sep 12, and Sep 11, listing various companies and their prices.

Hambros develops the Italian connection

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

Hambros Bank is planning to strengthen its position in world financial markets with a link up with the Istituto Bancario San Paolo di Torino, Italy's fifth largest bank.

Count Pietro Antonelli, a Hambros director, said: "The link with San Paolo is the first step in a network of contacts with European banks."

The deal is taking time to finalise because neither bank wants to offend existing contacts. The collaboration would cover a variety of areas including trade and project finance and capital markets operations.

Count Antonelli said that San Paolo, a government-owned commercial bank at Turin, was primarily a domestic institution. But it wanted more involvement in London's financial markets.

He said that Hambros' connection with Societe Generale, the French bank which also owns part of Strauss Iurubell, was not as close as that envisaged with San Paolo but that it could develop in that direction.

He did not rule out the possibility of San Paolo acquiring a stake in Hambros.

TEMPUS

Fisons shares a hold as Tilade launch nears

Fisons has not sold any of its new anti-asthma drug, Tilade, so far. However, in anticipation of profits from the company's shares have outperformed the market by 32 per cent over the past year.

They will be disappointed to learn that the company has decided that it will "be more appropriate to take action at the year-end."

They subsequently launched a failed takeover bid for McKeechic Brothers.

Profits from pharmaceuticals accounted for 58 per cent of group trading profits in 1985, with Intal and associated products comprising two-thirds of these.

The company has had considerable success in the fragmented scientific equipment market, its US diagnostic business - Curtin Matheson Scientific, has won considerable market share without damaging margins.

The brothers are likely to seek out acquisitions to strap on to the polymer division, which offers considerable potential. The costs of the McKeechic bid will have to come out of the profits from the sale of the TI shares.

A surplus of around £4 million is likely at the year end. The more relaxed dividend policy will please the City which is looking for an outcome of around £10.5 million.

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Fisons should make £82 million this year (earnings per share 27.2p). The shares should not be sold on the eve of the Tilade launch, particularly if earnings per share in 1990 may have more than doubled to 59.4p.

Quieter times are in store for the Abdullah brothers and their engineering business, Evered Holdings.

They were thrust into the spotlight a year ago when they emerged as substantial shareholders in TI, the industrial conglomerate, and for a time looked set to make a bid.

The share price has suffered from their abortive activities on the bid front and yesterday failed to be particularly impressed by a set of half-time figures, which while quite satisfactory, indicate some underlying difficulties.

Pre-tax earnings came out at £4.19 million against £2.5 million after a higher interest charge reflecting the cost of the TI stake. Margins have been improved throughout in generally flat conditions with the metal forming division facing a bit of a struggle.

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Even a modest increase to 7.5p will leave the dividend covered only 1.8 times. And the cash cost will go up by 10 per cent in 1988 when the deferred ordinary shares become eligible to receive the dividend.

The shares fell only 3p on the announcement in a weak market, but the price will be underpinned by the 7.1 per cent prospective yield.

COMPANY NEWS

HALL ENGINEERING: Interim dividend 4.03p (3.66p) for the first half of 1986, payable on Nov. 6. Turnover £62.72 million (£63.25 million). Pretax profit £2.42 million (£1.88 million). Earnings per share 10.79p (8.5p).

BERNARD MATTHEWS: Interim dividend of 1.25p (0.93p) to reduce the disparity between payments. It will be paid on Oct. 31. Sales for the 28 weeks to July £53.46 million (£56.88 million). Pretax profit £7.01 million (£6.27 million). Earnings per share 7.02p (6.0p).

YULE CATTO: Six months to June 30. Interim dividend 3p a 20 per cent increase. It will be paid on Oct. 17. Turnover £57.8 million (£63.51 million). Pretax profit £3.93 million (£4.88 million). Earnings per share 13.0p (11.0p). The board reports that the industrial operations should continue to prosper and, making allowance for the deterioration in the price of palm oil, the overall results for the year should prove satisfactory.

CRAINGER TRUST: Crainger has exchanged contracts with the Trustees of the Portsmouth Settled Estates for the acquisition of 300 acres to the south-west of Basingstoke, Hampshire, for £2.57 million. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has granted outline planning permission for the building of over 2,100 homes on the land which will constitute a substantial part of the land available for new housing in Basingstoke over the next few years. After the transaction, the Trustees will hold about 20 per cent of Crainger's ordinary capital.

HEITON HOLDINGS: The purchase of M Doherty has been completed. The sale by Doherty of Davis King and Myshall Investment have also been completed.

MARLER ESTATES: Rivermoor Properties and its subsidiaries, Bloomsbury Square Estate (Holdings) and White Hall Flats, have been bought for nominal consideration. Marler has also acquired, for £7.5 million, a debt of that sum due to Rivermoor to London Trust. Bloomsbury Square and White Hall own a portfolio of commercial and residential properties in Bloomsbury, London. Marler intends to dispose of these properties as dealing stock.

F & C EUROTRUST: Year to June 30. Total revenue £305,474 (£327,127). Earnings per share 1.90p (2.05p).

BRADSTOCK GROUP: The group has bought a controlling interest in a reinsurance broking company headed by Mr Vincent Byrne at a minimal cost to the group's marine reinsurance broking division. This company has been re-named Bradstock Byrne and Partners.

PITTARD GROUP: First half of 1986. Interim dividend £1.12p (0.96p). Turnover £57.8 million (£63.51 million). Pretax profit £3.93 million (£4.88 million). Earnings per share 13.0p (11.0p). The board reports that the industrial operations should continue to prosper and, making allowance for the deterioration in the price of palm oil, the overall results for the year should prove satisfactory.

FERGUSON INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS: The company has disposed of two further offshoots, both of which are unrelated to its main activities, printing, packaging and plastics. The larger is Allan Kennedy, which has been sold to Twil for £42.2 million cash. Ferguson has also sold to Twil a 40 per cent stake in Greengate Woodturning (1940), a subsidiary of the Chillingham Corporation, for £165,000 cash.

STAR COMPUTER: Year to June 30 compared with the previous 14 months. Dividend 1p. Turnover £8.62 million (£9.1 million). Operating profit £200,000 (£237,000). Earnings per share 11.1p (5.7p loss).

TILBURY GROUP: Interim dividend 1.8p (1.5p). Turnover for the first half of 1986 £42.2 million (£31.81 million). Pretax profit £1.57 million (£1.04 million). Extraordinary credit £7.7 million (£3,000). Earnings per share 6.58p (3.79p). Tilbury has entered into a conditional agreement with Christian Salvagna to acquire Salween Homes Scotland, a housebuilding company based in Scotland, together with a freehold property in Glasgow, for about £6.91 million cash. The purchase will be financed mainly by a one-for-three rights issue at 140p each to raise about £6.5 million. Tilbury's board will only proceed with the issue if the acquisition is completed.

LONDON SHOP PROPERTY TRUST: Total dividend 5.5p (4.95p) for the year to April 30. Pretax profit £7.26 million (£6.43 million). Earnings per share basic 8.8p (8.3p) and fully diluted 8.8p (7.5p).

HAYNES PUBLISHING GROUP: Total dividend 14p (13p) for the year to May 31. Pretax profit £0.4 million (£0.43 million). Pretax profit £1.55 million (£1.7 million). Earnings per share 19.08p (19.42p). The board reports that profits should resume their upward growth in the short to medium-term.

Stewart Wrightson jumps 23% to £12m

By Alison Eadie

Stewart Wrightson, the Lloyd's broker, made pretax profits in the six months to June 30 of £12.2 million, an increase of 23 per cent. Profits would have been £1 million higher if 1985 exchange rates from the end of the 1985 year had been used.

Brokerage in local currency terms rose by 17 per cent and expenses by 13 per cent. A reduction of mainly clerical staff in the UK by a net two to three per cent from a year ago helped contain expenses and improve margins.

Premium rate increases were sustained, although in some areas like aviation, where Stewart Wrightson considers itself the leading broker, a tailing off is expected towards the end of next year.

The interim dividend was raised by 33 per cent to 4.2p in a move to reduce the disparity between the two halves. Income growth in the second half is again not expected to match that of the first half. Full year profits are expected around £23 million against £18.7 million in 1985.

Allied Plant to merge with George Dew

Allied Plant, the plant hire group and manufacturer of portable accommodation and George Dew, the civil engineer, have agreed to a £10.6 million merger.

The terms are 11 new Allied shares for three Dew shares, worth 142p a share with Allied at 36p. The partial preference share alternative is worth 104p a share and the partial cash alternative 95.6p.

Allied has forecast a final dividend of 1p net on the existing and new shares. Dew shares closed yesterday unchanged at 118p.

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To a Fisons shareholder this daunting page of figures and fine print makes riveting reading. Here's why.

RECORD INTERIM RESULTS - PROFITS UP 24%

Fisons results for the first six months of 1986 were at yet another record level. Pre-tax profits of £37.2 million were 24% up on last year. This represents further dramatic growth in five years of major achievement.

Performance in profit terms was accompanied by continued improvement in quality of earnings, with earnings per share up 18% to 12.0p.

Total sales showed a small increase of 2% above last year. However, these were adversely affected by foreign currency fluctuation and at constant exchange rates total sales growth was 15% year on year.

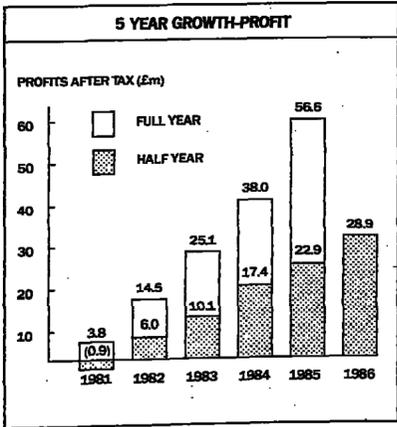
In the light of the Group's progress, the Board has decided to pay an interim dividend of 2.55p per ordinary share, an 18% increase on 1985.

PHARMACEUTICALS

The Pharmaceutical Division continued to return record results with profits of £22.5m, representing a 20% increase.

Of note is the continuing growth of Intal in the world's major markets. An outstanding performance in the USA was enhanced by the introduction of the Intal Inhaler which proved highly successful. Total sales of Intal increased by over 50% in the USA as did those of Opticrom.

In Japan, pharmaceutical sales continued to grow satisfactorily.



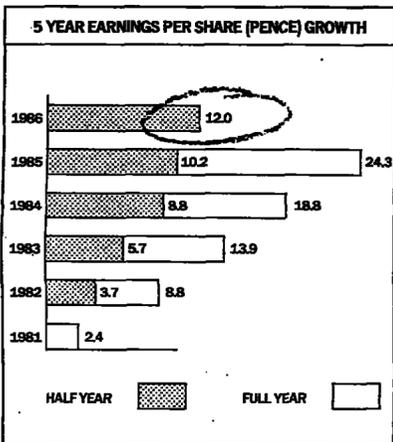
To the relief of many but to the detriment of our seasonal products' sales, the allergy season in the UK and Europe was unusually mild.

In the UK, the introduction of a 5 mg dosage Inhaler boosted Intal sales and overall satisfactory growth was achieved. The new inhaler was subsequently introduced in France and Italy.

Fisons leading consumer products in the UK, Sanatogen vitamins and Paracodol, both increased sales very substantially during the half-year.

Capital investment projects involving new plant and facilities, designed to increase output and improve efficiency, continued in a number of operating areas including Mexico, Pakistan, Australia and the UK.

Tilade, which is currently being launched in the UK, achieved its first registration as was announced at the Annual General Meeting in May. In the lead-up to launch, considerable work has



been undertaken to familiarise leading specialists around the world with this important new drug, eliciting a very positive response. During the period, applications for registration of another new drug, Dopacard, were submitted to several European authorities. This new cardio-vascular drug, also discovered by Fisons research team, has advantages over competitive products and should achieve significant sales within its relatively specialist market. However, registration has yet to be achieved.

SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT

The Scientific Equipment Division produced record profits of £9.1m, 11% higher than last year.

Over the past 5 years Fisons has been the fastest growing major supplier of scientific laboratory equipment in the world.

The Division's biggest business, Curtin Matheson Scientific in the USA, continued to take market share from its major competitors whilst maintaining margins on rapidly increasing sales. In the highly competitive clinical laboratory market, the major area of CMS's activities, sales increased by over 25% in US dollar terms. In line with the strategy of increasing CMS's manufacturing base, in February Biochemical Sciences Inc was

purchased for £2.2m. BSI manufactures stains and other diagnostic products for haematology and microbiology laboratories, and was the fourth manufacturing acquisition to be added to CMS since it was acquired in 1984.

Carlo Erba Strumentazione (CEST) continued to exceed expectations in sales and profits, helped by successful new products. CEST, which leads our expansion in the growing higher-technology instruments market, confirms the wisdom of our strategy of moving the Division into higher areas of technology in international growth markets.

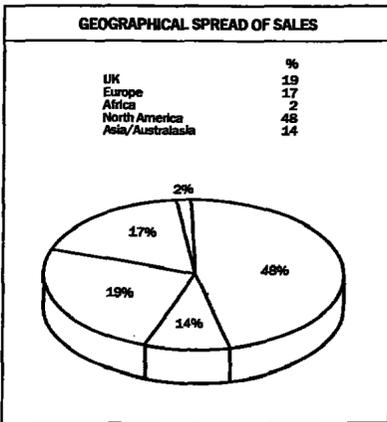
In both Australia and the UK, sales of scientific equipment, always sensitive to the economic climate, were depressed.

The German company Haake, on the other hand, sustained its pattern of progress.

HORTICULTURE

The Horticulture Division increased profits by 9% from £3.3m to £3.6m. The business on both sides of the Atlantic achieved strong sales and market share gains. In the USA, sales of our new added-value consumer products were well up on the equivalent period last year underpinned by another good performance in the professional market.

Our market share in the UK increased significantly. In particular the re-launch of the lawncare and Levington compost ranges, combined with new production facilities, greatly enhanced our competitive position. The Murphy



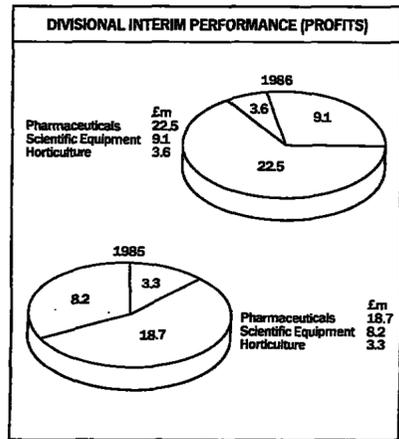
garden chemicals business, which came into the Group at the end of last year, has been integrated and is achieving the results expected.

However, this good market place performance has not been fully translated to profit because the adverse weather conditions on both sides of

the Atlantic badly affected the volume of peat harvested. Thus there were considerable unrecovered production overhead costs.

FISONS FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

These excellent results reflect careful long-term planning and rigorous follow-through. At the beginning of the decade, Fisons management team implemented a corporate strategy which has restructured and refocused the Company.



This strategy was based on the following criteria:

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- To operate only in industries where Fisons would be a highly effective competitor.
- To establish a high quality and well motivated management team to ensure efficient implementation.

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THE FUTURE

It is Fisons intention to maintain its highly successful strategy in the second half of this decade.

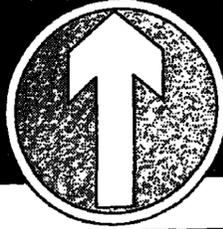
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Buy now, pay later: City Cottage, near Chippenham, and Forter Castle in the Scottish Highlands

A Scottish castle for £10,000

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Property prices can almost certainly damage your health. Too often they wind their way upwards and out of reach and it is necessary for the retention of sanity to find properties with prices not expressed as telephone numbers.

Barns for conversion are always worth considering, although they now cost as much as a modest house and need the same money again to make them comfortable. The same applies to coach houses that need conversion - but once converted, beware. Anything renamed 'The Old Coach House, which may have been more a garage than a romantic coach house, is likely to have had a nought added to the price.

This is not meant to denigrate such properties, of which there are some good examples now on the market. But the reality is that once converted they are not cheap.

Before describing them, therefore, it is right to consider one of two properties which will not cost a great deal of money

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to buy - the costs being afterwards. John D Wood's Chippenham office is offering for sale what it says is "the ultimate in derelict cottages".

Built of Cotswold stone under what is left of a stone-tiled roof, City Cottage, at Christian Malford, near Chippenham, needs complete rebuilding. It is set in the countryside, surrounded by well-timbered farm land and it is believed that once it was one of several cottages in the vicinity. The others have all disappeared and its very survival suggests its sturdiness.

The agents are asking for offers of more than £50,000, knowing that it is likely to appeal as a weekend cottage and conscious that it will need the same money again to make it one.

But the bargain of the market must be Forter Castle at the head of Glenisla in the Scottish Highlands in Perthshire,

which is being sold by Knight Frank & Rutley for the Earl of Airlie. The castle, never before sold, came into the hands of the Ogilvie family at the time of the Reformation. It was plundered and burned by the Marquis of Argyll in 1640 and returned to the Ogilvies in 1661.

The agents suggest that it offers a unique opportunity to buy a piece of Scottish history, with the possibility of restoring the castle to its former grandeur. The picture above indicates that this would be a formidable task, which is why the castle is for sale at about £10,000.

Towards the other end of Britain, in Sussex, the Heathfield office of St John Vaughan is offering a detached Victorian school building for sale by auction on October 24. On the outskirts of Newick, it was built in 1882 for the local children as part of an educational establishment set up by Lady Vernon, a local philanthropist, but was abandoned for educational use in 1926.

The school has planning permission for conversion to a house and is expected to fetch about £45,000, the proceeds of which will go to the Lady Vernon educational trust and used to assist in the education of girls in the area.

Field Cottage, Bisterne Close, Burley, Hampshire, is another property of great interest for someone prepared to repair and restore it. The red brick and slate, neglected during the past 20 years, is set in more than two acres close to the New Forest. It has three bedrooms, two reception rooms, a conservatory and what is described as a lean-to kitchen.

It has a guide price of £65,000, while the land - in two lots - is estimated at £15,000. The agents Jackson and Jackson say that cottages with potential for refurbishment and modernization in this area are becoming more and more

difficult to find, which explains the substantial price.

At the completed end of the conversion process are three coach houses. The Old Coach House, at Farnham St Martin, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, was built in the early 19th century and has a reception hall, two reception rooms, five bedrooms and a self-contained guest annex. The two acres of gardens are enclosed largely by original brick and flint walls, and Strutt & Parker's Ipswich office is asking for offers of about £190,000.

Steyning in west Sussex has already been found by people who like attractive villages which are just about commutable and certainly fine for weekend homes, and the prices have gone up accordingly. It is near the main line railway station at Shoreham-by-Sea and has good access to Gatwick. King & Chasemore's Steyning office has two coach houses for sale - the Old Coach House, Castle Lane, for which the asking

19th-century cottage in the middle of a cornfield

price is around £130,000 and the Grade II listed Coach House, Horsham Road, for around £180,000.

The latter has been renovated and has two reception rooms and five bedrooms, and a brick barn in half an acre. The brick and flint Old Coach House, formerly part of the Clivedale estate, was converted seven years ago and has four bedrooms and two reception rooms.

Near Steyning, at Staplefields, is Staplefields Cottage, a secluded 19th-century property set in the middle of a cornfield. It is a traditional and unaltered Victorian farm cottage, with patterned clay weather tiling and tiled roof, which was modernized 30 years ago but is otherwise in original order. The three-bedroom cottage has a small garden and needs restoration. Geering and Colyer's Steyning office is asking for offers around £100,000.

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RACING: AGA KHAN DELAYS DECISION ON DARARA BUT STOUTE PLANS WEEKEND WORKOUT FOR HIS OTHER TWO BIG-RACE HOPES

Rakaposhi King can crown memorable day for Cecil

By Mandarin

Henry Cecil, with 91 winners already to his credit, can take a further step towards his objective of hitting the century target for the seventh time during his record-breaking career by winning this afternoon's Doomsday Cup (3.30) at Ayr with Rakaposhi King.

Originally bought from Robert Armstrong by a packer, Rakaposhi King has excelled himself in his own right since the retirement to stud of the 1985 Derby winner.

In his two victories earlier in the season the four-year-old first recorded a high-class performance when slamming High Tension by five lengths in Haydock Park's Old Newton Cup. He then proceeded to show courage of an equally admirable order when beating I Want To Be in the mud at Lingfield.

Following an abortive trip to Deauville Rakaposhi King was then sent to Kempton where he battled his heart out when finishing a close third to Dilistan and Bakharoff in the September Stakes.

The selection is faced with some formidable opposition. The Queen's four-year-old Leading Star recorded a fast time in his victory over Ozopolim at Lingfield. Santiki, one of Michael Stoute's talented band of three-year-old fillies, although unable to cope with the heavy going at Deauville had previously proved too good for

K-Battery in the Land Of Burns Stakes on this course in July.

The six-year-old Rana Frapat may be out of his depth in this company, and more caution may come from John Dunlop's improving three-year-old, Boon Point, who completed a treble of victories in the Grand International d'Ostende.

Cecil can earlier start the always enjoyable Western meeting on a high note by taking the Kilkerran Amateur Riders Stakes (2.0) with Paeon. Franca Vitadini takes the mount on Lord Howard de Walden's three-year-old and the pair will be out to give a repeat performance of their eight-length win in a similar event at Beverley in August.

Defensible and Shafiqh would appear to form the hard core of the opposition. Amanda Harwood, fresh from her break-neck dash from Doncaster to Goodwood on Saturday to win on Tavari, rides Khaled Abdulla's improving stayer, who showed himself to be still on the upgrade when beating Rosedale in York's Melrose Handicap. In what may be a close-run affair, Paeon is preferred.

However Harwood fares in the opener, the Pulborough trainer should not leave the course empty handed as Bannerell looks all set to win his third race in succession by beating Jurisprudence and Special Vintage in the



Night Out Perhaps, seen here edging out Knyf at Chester, is a fancied contender for Yarmouth's Golden Jubilee Trophy

Eglington and Winton Memorial Handicap (4.0).

The Dick Peacock Handicap (3.0) looks a nightmare problem to solve. However, with Richard Hannon's stable in such sparkling form, Ready Wit, a fast finishing second to Oriental Soldier at Haydock, is preferred to All Fair, Solo Style and Knight's Secret.

Shellman's Knight's short head behind the selection at Haydock, also has an obvious chance, but seldom runs two races alike.

The day's nap goes on Night Out Perhaps in the Golden Jubilee Trophy at Yarmouth

(3.45). After winning a competitive handicap at Newmarket, Geoffrey Wragg's three-year-old was then none too lucky in running when coming home strongly to finish third to Sultan Mohamed and Enbar at York. This form was given a boost when Enbar justified favoritism at Doncaster on Saturday.

Loch Seaforth, Cecil's runner, appears to have been set a stiff task under top weight and more danger to the winner may come from Hard As Iron and Marshal MacDonald.

Richard Shaw, faced with the danger of Jokit being

More Arc support for flying Bering

By Michael Seely

Bering continues to be all the rage in the market for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Criqueur, Head's French Derby winner, who passed his flying colours in the Prix Niel with William Hill, but only 7-4 with Ladbrokes.

The news from France yesterday was that it had not yet been decided whether Darara, the Aga Khan's Prix Vermeille winner, is to join Shardari and Head's French Derby winner in the all-out attack on the Arc for Europe's most powerful owner-breeder. The filly is rather small, and Alain Royer-Dupre wants to see how quickly she recovers from her Sunday exertions.

Shardari is to work at Newmarket on Saturday morning and Tony Kimberley will partner Shahrastani in a gallop at Newbury after racing the same afternoon, when Sure Black, Barry Hills's Champion Stakes runner, will also be in action.

Michael Stoute would not be drawn on the question of jockeys for the big race. But it would be surprising if Walter Swinburn, the stable's conventional rider, did not opt for Shardari.

Obviously, if Yves Saint-Martin is available, the 15-time champion French jockey would be asked to partner the winner

of the English and Irish Derby. If it Darara runs, Pat Eddery would be a logical choice for Shahrastani.

The season's leading trainer is keen for Green Desert to have another race before the July Cup and Vernons Sprint Cup winner is sent to Santa Anita for the Breeders' Cup Series on November 1.

"I wouldn't want him to be idle for all that time," said Stoute. "he's in the Diadem Stakes next week, so that must be a possibility. He also intends to send Ajdal, his impressive December winner, to the Ascot September meeting for the Mornington Stakes.

As far as Moon Madness is concerned, John Dunlop reports last Saturday's easy St Leger winner to be in tremendous shape. "I'd like to give him another race," said the trainer. "It won't be the Arc, but I'd like to bring him back to a mile and a half."

With the going forecast as "unseasonably fast" in Scotland by David McHugh, the clerk of the course at Ayr, the chief interest in the Arc is the chief trainer's Ladbroke's Ayr Gold Cup was centred on Felipe Toro and Catherine's Well, who have had their prices cut to 6-1 and 7-1, respectively, with William Hills.

Piggott chasing French francs with Genghiz

From Our French Correspondent, Paris

Genghiz looks set to be Lester Piggott's first runner in France this Sunday. The unbeaten son of Sir Ivor is one of several likely English runners in the group one Prix de la Salamandre (7), which includes the Kellaway pair Risk Me and Gulf King, and Henry Cecil's Midyan, who significantly was supplemented in the race at a cost of 100,000fr yesterday.

Rosedale, who was withdrawn from the St Leger after

Cecil travels for ambition

Henry Cecil, the champion trainer, revealed that he has a runner in Italy after he saddled Sheikh Mohammed's colt Suhail for an impressive victory in the Colosanto Burr Stakes at Lingfield Park yesterday.

Cecil said: "I'm not well known for travelling abroad, but one of my current ambitions is to win a Group One race for the Sheikh with a colt. So I'm off to Milan to saddle his El Caido in the Gran Premio d'Italia on Sunday. I am hopeful this colt can do the trick."

Yarmouth results

Going: good
Draw: 5-1m, high numbers best

2.15 NEWTOWN SELLING HANDICAP (£1,007: 77) (15 runners)

1 0000 GAMBLERS DREAM (D) A Wilson 9-10-0 T Williams 7
2 0000 ANMAD (D) C Hanson 6-9-0 S Kellaway 10
3 0000 HIGHLAND BALL (D) C Hanson 6-9-0 G Baxter 8
4 0000 JACQUES VIEUX (D) H Head 4-8-0 G Baxter 10
5 0000 RUSSELL FLYER (D) C Hanson 4-8-0 A Mackay 11
6 0000 HIPPY CHAT (D) (D) M W Westman 4-8-0 M Hatfield 7

3.45 GOLDEN JUBILEE CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,695: 1m 20) (6)

1 1112 LOCH SEAFORTH (D) (D) H Head 3-9-7 W Ryan 11
2 1112 FRENCH FLUTTER (D) H Head 3-9-7 A Robinson 11
3 1112 OPEN HERO (D) A Stewart 3-9-7 M Roberts 2
4 0220 GORGEOUS ALLEGORIC (D) C Hanson 3-9-7 G Baxter 3
5 1221 HARD AS IRON (D) P Hanson 3-7-10 (Sed) T Williams 6
11-4 Hard As Iron, 7-2 Night Out Perhaps, Open Hero, 4-1 Loch Seaforth, 8-1 Marshal MacDonald.

4.15 DENIS BUSHBY CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,485: 7f) (19)

1 0000 BOUTIQUE BOY (D) H Head 9-3 S Potts 2
2 0000 CASTLE CORNER (D) Hanson 9-3 A Murray 18
3 0000 BAY BREEZE (D) Hanson 9-3 G Baxter 15
4 0000 ROUGH DANCE (D) W Jarvis 9-3 R Cochrane 15
5 0000 SICILIAN TONY (D) Hanson 9-3 Julie Payne (D) 12
6 0000 ELEGANT FLYER (D) H Head 9-3 G Baxter 11
7 1201 DORIS BABY (D) Hanson 9-3 R Guest 8
8 0000 LAST STAND (D) J Hanley 9-3 J Robinson 7
9 0000 NO LIES (D) Hanson 9-3 G Baxter 11
10 0000 CHORUS P Hester 8-0
11 0000 GUE PASA (D) (D) Hanson 8-0 T Williams 4
12 0000 BOUTIQUE BOY (D) Hanson 8-0 G Baxter 11
13 0000 MAIR BRAND W O'Gorman 8-4 T Ives 14
14 0000 MUSICAL CHORUS (D) Hanson 8-4 G Cochrane 3
15 0000 WINDYBROOK (D) Hanson 8-4 G Baxter 11
16 0000 THE BEAUTY (D) Hanson 8-4 P Bloomfield 12
17 0000 FIVE NO IDEA (D) Hanson 8-2 T Lucas 16
18 0000 RAUBER (D) Hanson 8-2 R Williams 11
19 0000 TONY CARLES D Leslie 8-2 M Whelan 11

2-1 Last Stand, 3-1 No Lie, 4-1 Rough Dance, 8-1 Cue Past, 10-1 Boutique Boy, Collee Wight, Tony's Beauty.

4.45 E B F HASTINGS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,162: 6f) (14)

1 0000 ALAHI (D) Hanson 9-0 A Murray 9
2 0000 COUNTRY BOY (D) Hanson 9-0 G Baxter 11
3 0000 CROWN RIDER (D) Piggott 9-0 G Baxter 7
4 0000 FORESIGHT (D) Hanson 9-0 M Roberts 2
5 0000 BOUTIQUE BOY (D) Hanson 9-0 G Baxter 11
6 0000 IMPERIAL FRONTIER (D) Hanson 9-0 R Cochrane 5
7 0000 KNOCKOFF EXPRESS (D) Huffer 9-0 G Baxter 6
8 0000 LUD APPEAL (D) Hanson 9-0 W R Swinburn 11
9 0000 ALI THOR (D) Hanson 9-0 G Baxter 11
10 0000 BOLLEASMAN (D) Hanson 9-0 P Guest 11
11 0000 OFFICER KIRKUP (D) Hanson 9-0 W Ryan 13
12 0000 BOUTIQUE BOY (D) Hanson 9-0 G Baxter 11
13 0000 TONY CARLES D Leslie 8-2 M Whelan 11
14 0000 TONY CARLES D Leslie 8-2 M Whelan 11

9-4 Officer Kirkup, 4-1 Alibi, 11-2 Imperial Frontier, 8-1 Foresight, Loud Appeal, 10-1 Mr Trip, 14-1 Bolleasman.

BRIGHTON

Going: firm
Draw: 5-1m, low numbers best

2.15 TRY TWENTY PHONOMATICS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: C: £2,166: 7f) (12 runners)

1 0000 FREEDY'S WREATHOR (D) Hanson 9-0 T Coles 7
2 0000 GOOD FORT (D) Hanson 9-0 J Hills 8
3 0000 HARRY T (D) Hanson 9-0 J Hills 8
4 0000 TERRY CONNOR 9-0 J Hills 8
5 0000 RICHARD (D) Hanson 9-0 J Hills 8
6 0000 MUSTANG (D) Hanson 9-0 J Hills 8
7 0000 BASH HANDED (D) Hanson 9-0 J Hills 8
8 0000 SQUIGGLY (D) Hanson 9-0 J Hills 8
9 0000 SEPARATE REALITIES (D) Hanson 9-0 J Hills 8
10 0000 HANBY H C 9-0
11 0000 FRODO BAGGINS (D) Hanson 9-0 J Hills 8
12 0000 WIZZARD ART (D) Hanson 9-0 J Hills 8

2-1 Special Realities, 3-1 Terry, 9-2 Good Fort, 13-2 Schuyllie, 10-1 Mustard, 12-1 others.

2.45 LICENSED TRADE CHARTY SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £865: 1m) (8)

1 0000 CHARDONWAD D Lang 9-7 W Meeves 4
2 0000 FRODO BAGGINS (D) Hanson 9-5 W Meeves 4
3 0000 HANBY H C 9-1 W Meeves 4
4 0000 BEVERLY CAROL (D) Hanson 9-0 A Gaze 7
5 0000 NEVILLYN (D) Hanson 9-0 A Gaze 7
6 0000 BEVILLYN (D) Hanson 9-0 A Gaze 7
7 0000 SANDHORN (D) Hanson 9-0 A Gaze 7
8 0000 WIZZARD ART (D) Hanson 9-0 A Gaze 7
9 0000 LINDY SKY (D) Hanson 9-0 A Gaze 7

5-2 Chardonwad, 7-2 Sandhorn, 9-2 Beverly Carol, 6-1 Fardon Manor, 7-1 Mustard, 10-1 Bev-Kay-Es, 14-1 others.

3.15 W & A GILBEY HANDICAP (£2,847: 1m 20) (12 runners)

1 0120 HANBY H C 9-7 W Meeves 4
2 0120 HANBY H C 9-7 W Meeves 4
3 0120 HANBY H C 9-7 W Meeves 4
4 0120 HANBY H C 9-7 W Meeves 4
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Redcar

Going: firm
Draw: 5-1m, low numbers best

2.30 TRY 200 PEPINO (A) (Shoulder) 12-10-0

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Lingfield results

Going: good
Draw: 5-1m, low numbers best

2.00 (D) 1. ABHAAH (A) Murray, 5-7-2; 2. Chatterbox (Pat Eddery), 11-10-0; 3. Giddy (D) Hanson, 10-10-0; 4. Giddy (D) Hanson, 10-10-0; 5. Giddy (D) Hanson, 10-10-0; 6. Giddy (D) Hanson, 10-10-0; 7. Giddy (D) Hanson, 10-10-0; 8. Giddy (D) Hanson, 10-10-0; 9. Giddy (D) Hanson, 10-10-0; 10. Giddy (D) Hanson, 10-10-0; 11. Giddy (D) Hanson, 10-10-0; 12. Giddy (D) Hanson, 10-10-0.

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Going: good to firm
Draw: 7f and above low numbers best

2.0 KILKERRAN STAKES (Amateurs: £1,452: 1m 7f) (11 runners)

1 0000 BRAS CREEK (D) (F) Hanson 4-11-0 M Hatfield 7
2 0000 HERALD (D) Hanson 4-11-0 M Hatfield 7
3 0000 RED DUST (D) Hanson 4-11-0 M Hatfield 7
4 0000 TONIC (D) Hanson 4-11-0 M Hatfield 7
5 0000 TONIC (D) Hanson 4-11-0 M Hatfield 7
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11 0000 TONIC (D) Hanson 4-11-0 M Hatfield 7

DEVON & EXETER

Going: good, hurdle course; good to firm, chase

2.0 NEWQUAY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE HURDLE (E585: 2m 10) (14 runners)

1 0001 HADDAK (USA) (D) Hanson 5-11-0 G Coles 2
2 0001 SEDGWICK LADY (M) Hanson 5-11-0 J Lower 3
3 0001 FAST FORWARD (D) Hanson 5-11-0 P Oton 4
4 0001 LIGHT THE LOT (D) Hanson 5-11-0 M Ayrton 5
5 0001 HONORABLE (D) Hanson 5-11-0 M Ayrton 5
6 0001 CHARLESTONE GORSE (USA) (D) Hanson 5-11-0 J Shephard 6
7 0001 GORSE (USA) (D) Hanson 5-11-0 J Shephard 6
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DEVON & EXETER

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2.30 PETERS NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (E502: 2m 10) (10)

1 0001 ACTION MAN (D) Hanson 5-11-0 P Meeves 4
2 0001 HEEF D (D) Hanson 5-11-0 P Meeves 4
3 0001 RAPID GUNNER (D) Hanson 5-11-0 P Meeves 4
4 0001 ANGUS VICTOR (D) Hanson 5-11-0 P Meeves 4
5 0001 GOOD SHOOTING (D) Hanson 5-11-0 P Meeves 4
6 0001 GULPHAR (D) Hanson 5-11-0 P Meeves 4
7 0001 HELZA JOCKEY (D) Hanson 5-11-0 P Meeves 4
8 0001 HANBY H C (D) Hanson 5-11-0 P Meeves 4
9 0001 HANBY H C (D) Hanson 5-11-0 P Meeves 4
10 0001 HANBY H C (D) Hanson 5-11-0 P Meeves 4

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3 0001 FAST FORWARD (D) Hanson 5-11-0 P Oton 4
4 0001 LIGHT THE LOT (D) Hanson 5-11-0 M Ayrton 5
5 0001 HONORABLE (D) Hanson 5-11-0 M Ayrton 5
6 0001 CHARLESTONE GORSE (USA) (D) Hanson 5-11-0 J Shephard 6
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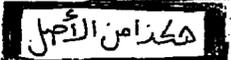
Today's course specialists

AYR
TRAINERS: J Dunlop, 58 winners from 58 runners, 33.9%
JOCKEYS: T Coles, 58 winners from 51 races, 25.4%
K Hodgson, 18 from 20, 20.0%; W Carson, 5 from 45, 17.8%.

BRIGHTON
TRAINERS: H Cecil, 12 winners from 22 runners, 54.5%
JOCKEYS: T Coles, 12 winners from 20 races, 12.5%; R Hills, 11 from 61, 13.2%; W Newman, 11 from 105, 13.2%.

YARMOUTH
TRAINERS: H Cecil, 55 winners from 167 runners, 32.9%
JOCKEYS: R Cecil, 23.9%; C Hanson, 36 from 191, 18.9%
W Swinburn, 23 winners from 20 races, 16.5%; T Ives, 25 from 207, 12.1%; W Swinburn, 17 from 105, 11.7%.

DEVON & EXETER
TRAINERS: D Eborst, 21 winners from 70 runners, 30.0%
JOCKEYS: H Daves, 28 winners from 120 races, 23.3%
S Smith, 13 from 60, 16.3%; P Richards, 11 from 70, 14.7%.



Sanity must return to save the game

This is going to be a bit of a bleak, I am afraid.

It is not that I think that English cricket is in irreversible decline. Far from it. We are losing more Test matches than we used to because, with the singular exception of Australia, the opposition is so much better than it was.

Most days and in most county grounds, there is something pretty good to be seen from our home-born cricketers. But there is a growing cancer, too, and I shall come to that.

Several young English batsmen of the highest promise are establishing themselves. Whitaker, of Leicestershire, has had the sort of season that would have satisfied Denis Compton in his prime. Half a dozen others, all under 25, have done wonderfully well in what has become a typical one-day match, few trousers are unstained from where the players have been throwing themselves around. You would never have found the old county pros doing that, though some of the amateurs might.

The fielding, too, is quite extraordinarily keen and generally of a high standard. Runs are saved, especially on the boundary, that would have been written off not many years ago. At the end of a typical one-day match, few trousers are unstained from where the players have been throwing themselves around. You would never have found the old county pros doing that, though some of the amateurs might.

But it is bowlers that make the most successful sides, and the shortage of these with English qualifications is a cause of real concern.

County cricket has allowed itself to become dominated by West Indian fast bowlers. That is what is eating away at the English game.

Ten years ago, only two of the 17 first-class counties engaged a West Indian to bowl fast for them; now 10 do. Next year it will be at least 11, possibly 12. Warwickshire having just signed a little-known Antiguan express, and Nottinghamshire have an eye on another should Richard Hadlee leave them. The more there are, the more fingers get broken and the less need there is for Englishmen to take wickets or to learn how to.

A breed of English bowlers is developing who spend their time either concentrating on containment in one-day cricket or aiming to shut up an end in the championship while the hired assassin is resting between forays.

It is no coincidence that Neil Foster, the only Englishman to have taken over 100 wickets this season, plays for Essex or that Essex have sent out three of their bowlers to play for England this summer. It has been allowed to happen by the absence from their side of a Marshall or a Walsh, a Clarke or a Holding.

Counties allow England to pay the price

No doubt Ellison, being broadly of the same bowling type, learnt from the Australian Alderman when they first played together for Kent. This season, though, Alderman's presence has reduced Ellison's opportunities of bowling himself back into form.

It is a vicious circle. Counties import fast bowlers to boost their championship chances (and hence their finances), but at a high cost to the success of the England team. This is not the march of progress or the inevitable process of evolution; it is short-sighted and unfortunate.

To me, the damage that is being done to cricket generally by the violence that has crept into it matters much more than England's failure to win Test matches. Quite apart from anything else, it restricts the art and beauty of batsmanship. Neville Cardus used to write that cricket mirrors the customs and conventions and, I suppose, the vulgarities of the times. We live now in a permissive society, and cricket reflects it.



England have not won any of the 11 Test matches they have played in the past year. They have lost 5-0 in West Indies, and 2-0 and 1-0 at home to India and New Zealand. Further, there is a mood of surliness about the game. What has gone wrong? And what can be done about it?

John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, launches a three-part series by people who write about the game, play it, and watch it.

On the television recently, in a delightful interview, Pat Pocock drew a contrast between batting in his first Test against West Hall and Charlie Griffith at Bridgetown in 1963, and playing 16 years later against the bowling of Malcolm Marshall at the Oval. Hall and Griffith tried to bowl him out, and Marshall to knock him out or frighten him out.

Denis Atiss, now with 100 first-class hundreds to his name, refers to the rapid growth of short-pitched bowling. If England could field four fast bowlers of the best West Indian calibre, they would win a lot of Test matches and lose very few. But that would not restore the balance, and especially the charm, of the English game.

The combination of weak umpiring, the virtual abdication by the International Cricket Conference of its responsibilities of guardianship, the introduction of the helmet and the ethic which considers the batsman himself to be as fair a target as the wicket he defends, is malignly influential.

The extension of the rule which limits short-pitched bowling in one-day cricket, or some modification of it, should be a priority.

At the end of a day's play in early August, in which Marshall had been a central figure, one of the umpires said it had frightened him just to stand and watch.

For as long as anyone can possibly remember, there have been those who say that there is too much first-class cricket in an English season.

For the leading players, too, there are no free winters any more. Three weeks ago Gower found it all too much. Since the last Test match, Gatting has dropped himself down the Middlesex order. We have one too many one-day competitions, which involve so much extra travelling and nervous stress, and one too many Test matches which, while underwriting the counties, undermines their premier competition, the championship.

But for reasons often rehearsed, I am not an advocate of 16 four-day championship matches rather than 24 of three days, believing that Parkinson's law would take effect, county memberships would decline (members would be getting fewer home first-class matches for their money) and the average English pitch would produce too many two-day or three-day finishes.

I prefer certain of the recommendations of the Palmer Inquiry which will be reconsidered in November.

Sixteen three-day championship matches and eight of four days, the latter to be played over the weekend and all on uncovered pitches, was what the Palmer inquiry put forward.

Two divisions of the Sunday League, cutting the fixtures from 16 to eight, with a semi-final and a final, and the Benson and Hedges Cup competition to be played on a knock-out basis, were two of their other proposals, with the NatWest Trophy staying as it is.

The surfeit of one-day cricket would thus be reduced and the four-day lobby accommodated. Whether the counties' finances could withstand the limitation of the Sunday League, which has become for some a life-support machine, was decided in November. I hope so but rather doubt it.

Now that there is a national team manager (M. J. Stewart), his appointment over a longer term to be confirmed next Spring, I like to think that he will make wider use of specialist coaches. In years gone by, even the best golfers — the British Ryder Cup and Walker Cup sides among them — would go to Addington for Fred Robson, a wizard at spotting a technical flaw, to look over their game. Most of the best professional golfers have their elder statesman or counsellor.

Not so the cricketers, although John Childs does, in fact, put down his astonishing improvement since last summer (he took only five wickets at 105.60 apiece in 1985) to having sought the help last winter of Fred Titmus.

More use could be made of the video camera as an aid to cricket coaching. Nick Faldo attributed his record round of 62 at Sunningdale last week to having taken stock of himself on the video a day or two earlier. Limited-overs cricket plays such havoc with a batsman's technique — rather as a gale does with a golfer's swing — that it requires constant revision.

But the stumps have been drawn on another English season. Although the Meteorological Office said at different times that the weather was "about average", I can hardly remember a summer when so few early mornings have had about them the certain glow of warmth and sunshine, or when one has become so bored reading about one man, albeit a remarkable cricketer.

Botham's words unfair on Somerset

Botham's appeal against his suspension for having smoked cannabis cost the ICC a five-figure sum in legal fees and his more recent public utterances on the Somerset "affair" have been unhelpful. He is right, of course, to be sad that Garner and Richards are having to go, but to imply that the Somerset committee know nothing about loyalty, after the way they have protected him in the past, was not fair. But "Who can be wise, amazed, temperate and furious, loyal and neutral in a moment? No man." Has the bard done it again?

We have much to be grateful for: good county champions, willing sponsors, an Australian tour to look forward to.

I hope, at the same time, that the Test and County Cricket Board will heed the warning implicit in the unprecedented number of broken bones that have been in the summer of 1986, and address themselves to the constant interruptions caused by the comings and goings of batsmen and fielders as helmets and gumshields and shin guards and boxes and breastplates and all the other paraphernalia are swapped and shuffled around.

"I love cricket, you know," Sir Pelham Warner said to me once, as though the matter might be in doubt. If he were to come back, would he feel the same today about a game he would find so changed? I expect so, but it is a question that the administrators at Lord's should ask themselves every now and again.

TOMORROW: The verdict from two Test captains on the game in England: Imran Khan and Clive Lloyd



The unacceptable face of modern cricket: Malcolm Marshall, one of a number of West Indian fast bowlers whose use of the short-pitched ball has so changed the character of the game in England

England's sorry catalogue of summer disaster

England v India

Texaco Trophy

(One-day international series) FIRST MATCH (May 24, the Oval): India won the toss, England 182 (55 overs); India 163 for 1 (47.2 overs) (M Azharuddin 83 not out, S M Gavaskar 65 not out). India won by 8 wickets.

John Woodcock: "This was England's worst defeat in one-day cricket. Not since Australia bowled England out in 1948 had they been seen to less advantage at the Oval."

SECOND MATCH (May 26, Old Trafford): England won the toss, India 254 for 6 (55 overs) (Srikaranth 67, R J Shastri 62 not out, Kapil Dev 50, England 256 for 5 (53.5 overs) (D Gower 81). England won by 5 wickets. India, having the better overall scoring rate, won the series.

Cornhill Tests

FIRST TEST (June 5, Lord's): India won the toss, England 294 (G A Gooch 114, D R Pringle 63, C Sharma 5 for 64) and 180 (Kapil Dev 4 for 53; India 341 (M Vengsarkar not out 126, M Amarnath 69, G R Dillay 4 for 146) and 136 for 5, India won by 5 wickets. John Woodcock: "Following India's victory, it was announced that Mike Gatting, rather than David Gower, would lead England in the two remaining Tests against India. Gower's record as captain at that time (1982-86): P 26 W 5 D 7 L 14."

SECOND TEST (June 19, Headingley): England won the toss, India 272 (D B Vengsarkar 61) and 237 (D B Vengsarkar 102 not out, J K Laver 4 for 64, D R Pringle 4 for 75; England 312 (M H Binny 5 for 40 and 128 (S Mander 4 for 26), India beat England by 274 runs and won the series.

This was England's seventh successive Test defeat. Peter May, the chairman of England's selectors, spoke about the importance of "getting back to basic principles." John Woodcock: "Only once before, just after the Great War, have England had such a dismal run."

THIRD TEST (July 3, Edgbaston): England won the toss, England 386 (M W Gatting not out 153, D I Gower 49; C Sharma 4 for 130) and 236 (G A Gooch 40, G Sharma 6 for 50; India 380 (M Amarnath 78, M Azharuddin 64) and 174 for 5 (S M Gavaskar 54; P H Edmonds 4 for 51). England drew with India.

John Woodcock: "The Indians, I know, wish there were two Tests to come. So do we. As it is it will be 1990 before they return provisionally to play five Tests rather than three."

Man-of-the-match: England: M W Gatting. Man-of-the-series: M W Gatting. India: D B Vengsarkar.

England v N Zealand

Texaco Trophy

(One-day international series) FIRST MATCH (July 16, Lord's): New Zealand won the toss, England 170 (48.2 overs); New Zealand 217 for 8 (55 overs) (J J Crowe 69; England 170 (48.2 overs). New Zealand won by 47 runs. Man-of-the-match: J J Crowe.

John Woodcock: "England's batting touched new depths of incompetence... needing 218 to win, across a parched outfield and on a presentable, though patchy, they were bowled out for 122."

SECOND MATCH (July 18, Old Trafford): New Zealand 284 for 5 (55 overs) (M D Crowe 93, R B Rutherford 53; England 286 for 4 (53 overs) (C W J Athey 142 not out, G A Gooch 91). England won by 6 wickets.

John Woodcock: "England had Gooch and Athey to thank for scoring 183 for the first wicket. Athey's undefeated 142, far and away his best innings for England, won him the award as man-of-the-match." New Zealand won the series on the overall scoring rate. Man-of-the-series: England: C W J Athey. New Zealand: M Crowe.

Cornhill Tests

FIRST TEST (July 24, Lord's): England won the toss, England 307 (M D Crowe 74, D I Gower 62; R J Shastri 5 for 30) and 295 for 6 (G A Gooch 110, R J Hildesley 88, G Wright 58, E J Gray 50 and 77 for 2). New Zealand won by 6 wickets. Man-of-the-match: R J Hildesley.

SECOND TEST (August 7, Trent Bridge): New Zealand won the toss, England 307 (D I Gower 119, G R Dillay 4 for 92) and 7 for 0; England 388 for 131, M W Gatting 121, I T Botham 59 not out. England drew with New Zealand.

THIRD TEST (August 21, the Oval): England won the toss, New Zealand 267 (J G Wright 119; G R Dillay 4 for 92) and 7 for 0; England 388 for 131, M W Gatting 121, I T Botham 59 not out. England drew with New Zealand.

Man-of-the-match: England: M W Gatting. Man-of-the-series: M W Gatting. India: D B Vengsarkar.

Peter Marson

Pollock to retire

Graeme Pollock, the South African batsman, has announced he will retire at the end of the 1986-87 season. "This is my last season of cricket at all levels — international, provincial and club. I believe once the break has been made, it should be complete," he said yesterday. Pollock, aged 42, made his Test debut during South Africa's 1963-64 tour of Australia and his last representative matches will also be against Australians in the coming months, when a "rebel" team, captained by Kim Hughes, will tour the Republic.

Pollock's outstanding achievements include a first-class century at the age of only 16, a double century when just 19, and three Test centuries before he had turned 21. His 274 against Australia at Durban in 1969-70 was the highest score ever made in a Test match for South Africa. In all, he played in only 23 Tests, scoring a total of 60.97, before South Africa's isolation from the international sporting arena began in 1970.

Dilip Vengsarkar has pulled out of the Indian side for the first Test against Australia which begins in Madras tomorrow. Vengsarkar has not recovered from a back strain which forced him to retire during his innings in the one-day international at Srinagar last week.

Youngsters keep flag flying

The rehabilitation of British speedway went a stage further with the crushing victories of Young England over Australia last week. The matches were embarrassingly one-sided but a clean sweep and the young riders from the National League underlined once more the wealth of talent that could, within a couple of years, be at the disposal of the British and England's international squads.

Paul Thorp rounded off a great season by scoring an 18-point maximum in the third international at Birmingham and Gary Havelock and Andrew Sillars again showed outstanding talent and thirst for victory. Another young prodigy coming through is Martin Duggard, aged 17, of Eastbourne, who

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Keith Mackin totalled 12 points in Young England's 78-30 victory. However, 200 much gloss must not be put on the runaway victories over weak Australian sides. British speedway has been heard hit this season by the fact that the European Economic Community (EEC) have opened the door to European riders while slamming it in the faces of many riders from Australia and New Zealand who cannot get work permits.

The Wallabies were this on the ground in terms of riders available for selection and in one of the three internationals they

SNookER

Loyal Thorne at Southend for new event

By Sydney Friskin

Willie Thorne begins the new Matchroom snooker tournament at Cliff's Pavilion, Southend, today with a match against Neal Foulds. Thorne's loyalty to Barry Hearn's professional team has kept him away from the Langs Supreme Scottish Masters starting tomorrow at the Hospitality Inn, Glasgow, an event in which he was runner-up last year to Canada's Cliff Thorburn.

Hearn expects the Matchroom tournament to toughen his players for the hard season ahead and although only six are in contention, Steve Davis thinks it will be as tense as the World Championship which he hopes to regain. The first round and semi-final matches at Southend will be over 11 frames and the final over 19.

Immy White, who joined Hearn's team too late to be included at Southend, will be in Glasgow where, tomorrow, he will meet the young Scottish champion Stephen Hendry, who lost 10-8 to Thorne in the first round of the World Championship at Sheffield last season. Earlier in the day, Thorburn will play John Parrott of Liverpool. Among the eight competitors is the world champion Joe Johnson who begins his challenge for the prize of only £13,000 against Alex Higgins on Friday.

MATCHROOM DRAW: W Thorne v N Foulds; T Griffiths v A Mear; S Davis v Giffiths or Mear; D Taylor v Thorne or Foulds. LANGS DRAW: C Thorburn v J Parrott; J White v S Hendry; A Knowles v K Stovaris; J Johnson v A Higgins.

SQUASH RACKETS

Branching out with more support

By Colin McQuillan

InterCity, the high-speed British Rail passenger service, is to continue its £100,000 annual sponsorship of the National Squash Championships and National Squash Challenge, and is to develop a third branch into the top competitive levels of the game by linking with Cannons Club, the League champions. Mike Lancaster, the Marketing Manager of InterCity, announced yesterday the National Championships could run under British Rail support at least until 1988, with an increased prize fund of £33,000 this year. The new deal with Cannons was arranged over the same timescale.

Cannons is known to boast resources beyond the ambition of most squash clubs. Last year they financed their own team to

narrow victory in the national Premier League. They were already committed this year to buying their own all-transparent glass court even before the InterCity arrangement. "We want to raise the profile of squash in Britain," the Cannons manager, Garry Oliver, said. The Cannons team will naturally travel to all away fixtures by British Rail, compared to the international helicopter flights and luxury coaches commonly employed last season. Keen followers of the game can gain similar assistance, but at a price. InterCity will, this year, run a first-class squash special from Paddington to Bristol on November 27, national finals day. It will cost £27.50, including cream tea and a prime seat for the matches.

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6.00 Cerefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time with Debbie Greenwood and Frank Bough. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news and weather at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20. Plus a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus reports from the SDP Conference in Harrogate; and Beverly Ait's fashion advice.

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Jayne Irving and Mike Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and video report at 8.35. The After Nine guests are Cheryl Baker and Mike Nolan from the pop group Bucks Fizz.

ITV LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: simple mathematical concepts - from number 1. 9.42 Writing poetry. 9.59 Junior Maths - odds and evens 10.16 Important A level chemistry experiments. 10.33 Ted Hughes introduces five of his poems in 11.00 History - the cinema of opinion in 1914. 11.22 Music - with instruments 11.39 A group of exchange students in a Loire Valley town. 12.00 News and the Big Torch. (r) 12.10 Out Backyard. (r) 12.30 Treasure Islands. The mysterious village at Skara Brae on Orkney. (r) 1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Thames news presented by Robin Houston 1.30 Man in a Suitcase. A peaceful village is disturbed when a drug-dealing gang lie in ambush on a man who can shop them. (r) 2.30 Dining in France. Pierre Salinger samples the gastronomic life of Lyon. 3.00 Takes the High Road. Inverdaroch receives a poison-pen letter about Lily Taylor 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters. Drama serial. 4.00 The Little Green Man. Adventures of a visitor from outer space. (r) 4.10 Twenty Five. Cartoon. (r) 4.20 T-Bag Strikes Again 4.45 Hold Tight as Michael Waterman wing waltzes with Alton Towers with the Barnstormers Flying Circus; and Jacqueline Reddin meets the Manchester Spartans American Football team. Plus, pop music from The Communards and Millie Scott. 5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers. 5.45 News with John Suchet 5.00 Thames news. 6.25 Help Vi Taylor Gee presents the second of our comedy programmes on cervical cancer. 6.35 Crossroads. Anne-Marie lets the cat out of the bag. 7.00 The Buckman Treatment. Dr Tom Buckman examines how the clash of American, Mexican and Indian cultures affects the health of people of New Mexico and Arizona. 7.30 Coronation Street. Sally tries to cheer up Kevin. (Oracle) 8.00 Pass the Buck. Quiz games for couples presented by George Layton. 8.30 Singer's Day. Comedy series starring Bruce Forsyth has a pathetic manager. (Oracle) 9.00 King and Castle. The two debtors are hired to collect a fortune owed to a millionaire businessman by an Old Etonian. Starring Derek Martin and Nigel Planer. (Oracle) 10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by Thames news headlines. 10.30 Midweek Sport Special presented by Nick Owen. Links Cup reports and highlights from today's 1988 British Boxing Board of Control Awards. 12.00 World Chess Championship. The 16th game of the championship which saw an amazing reversal of fortunes for the champion, Kasparov. 12.10 Night Thoughts.

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Science - Swimming in Fish. Ends at 7.20. 8.00 Cerefax. 10.00 The Waterloo. The quarantines of the Green Bowling Handicap. The commentator at the Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool, is Harry Rigby. 12.45 Cerefax. 1.00 Testing Times: GCSE. Issues related to oral communication and English across the curriculum. 1.25 The Physics of Matter. An Open University production about probing the structure of liquids by neutron scattering. 2.00 The Waterloo. The seminal and final of the General Whitley Crown Green Bowling Handicap, worth £2,000 to the winner. 5.30 News summary with subtitles. Weather. 5.35 What on Earth? Wildlife quiz with Michael Stoddart, Jennifer Owen, and Jeremy Charles. (r) 6.00 Massed. Episode three of the four-part drama starring Peter O'Toole as General Fawcett Silva, the Roman commander trying to capture the impenetrable mountain fortress, Massada, which is being held by a handful of Jewish rebels with the help of Falco, a scheming politician from Rome, to take over command of the Tenth Legion from Silva, heralds a series of adventures. With David Warner, Peter Strauss and Barbara Carrera. (r) 7.30 The Waterloo. Highlights of this afternoon's semifinals of the Greenall Whitley Crown Green Bowling Handicap, introduced by Richard Duckenfield. 8.00 Southampton International Boat Show 1988. Paul Heiney is the pilot in Mayflower Park, Southampton, guiding the viewer around the country's biggest Boat Show. With the assistance of the camera boat Albatros, there are close-up views of a number of the modern 400 vessels on display. 8.50 The Theban Plays by Sophocles: Oedipus at Colonus. This second play of the Theban cycle sets two decades on from the first. Oedipus (Anthony Quayle) is a blind beggar, banished from Thebes for killing his father and marrying his mother, accompanied by his daughter Antigone (Juliet Stevenson). His other daughter, Ismene (Julia Smith), arrives to inform him that Thebes is on the verge of civil war and that one of Oedipus's two sons is at the centre of the unrest. 11.00 Newsnight with Donald MacComrie reporting on the last day's debates at the SDP Conference in Harrogate; and Peter Snow and Nick Clarke in London with the latest national and international news. 11.50 Weather. 11.55 News. 12.10 The Social Pattern: Growing Up. Ends at 12.50.

CHOICE

THE POSSESSED (Channel 4, 9pm) brings to a wider audience the stage production of Dostoevsky's novel by the Russian director, Yuri Lyubimov. Seen last year at the Almeida Theatre in London, it received standing ovations but divided critics. Dostoevsky uses a Russian provincial town in the 1860s as a microcosm for a society under threat and to offer his own disillusioned critique of mindless revolutionism. Lyubimov retains Dostoevsky's nightmarish undertones but overlays them with grotesque farce. The production has the brilliance and pace of a Brecht play, stylized, constantly inventive and never standing still. Devices such as the actors carrying the chapter headings of the novel on placards, the use of songs

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comment on the action and a narrator talking directly to the audience, owe much to Brecht. What some critics wondered was whether the production owed enough to Dostoevsky. But no one denied its vigour and theatrical excitement. Leading roles are played by Clive Merrison, Harriet Walter and Nigel Terry.

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UNCLE CLARENCE (Radio 4, 9.40am) as an affectionate memoir by Alan Bennett about an uncle killed in the First World War and known only to the young Alan through a photograph on his grandmother's piano. A visit to the house in York nearly 60 years later helps to set the scene and jog the memory.

CHOICE

TALKING TO WRITERS (Channel 4, 9pm) is an access to the often excellent Book Four, with the same executive producer, Melvyn Bragg, and presenter, Hermione Lee. All sorts of ways have been tried of presenting literature on television, but Talking to Writers goes back to the simple expedient of interviewing

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authors, in the first of the series, which has a pronounced international flavour, the South American writer, Mario Vargas Llosa, talks from his London flat about his work and the years of exile from his native Peru where he is now regarded as a future Prime Minister. Among the other subjects are Julian Barnes, Nadine Gordimer and R. K. Narayan.

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CHANNEL 4

11.45 Conference Report. Glyn Mathias presents five coverage of David Owen's speech to the SDP Conference. 12.30 Starting Times. Meeting Of Father Time is the theme of this film made by British animator Sheila Crabb. 1.00 Starting Show People? (1928) starring Marion Davies. A satirical look at socially ambitious leading ladies, based loosely on the life of Greta Garbo. Peggy Pepper arrives in Hollywood, is taken under the wing of comedy actor John Jones, and promptly earns a part in a film in which her first scene involves being squirted by a soda siphon. Directed by Frank Capra. 2.40 Film: Dads (1936) starring Walter Huston, Ruth Chatterton and David Niven. Industrialist retires and takes his wife, Fran, on a trip to Europe. With their daughter on their hands, Fran begins to see life drifting away and longs for one more love affair. Directed by William Wyler. 4.30 The Gang Stars. Among the greatest Wests introduced by Chuck Barris in this show are a Japanese country singer and the wizard of Waverly. 5.00 Alice. When Mel becomes Jolene's coach after she decides to try for a place in a professional women's basketball team, an unexpected bond develops between them. 5.30 The Abbott and Costello Show. Lou, tortured by his wife, tries to get sent to prison in order to receive free treatment. Flashback. Part seven of the series examines film and television's approach to the task of comedy reconstruction faced by the 1945 Labour Party. (Oracle) (r). 6.30 Conference Report. Glyn Mathias presents highlights of the final day of the SDP Conference in Harrogate; and Peter Snow and Nick Clarke in London with the latest national and international news. 7.00 News. 7.50 Comment from Labour councillor and chair of the Harrogate committee, Valerie Vaux. Weather. 8.00 Talking to Writers. The first of a new series in which Hermione Lee talks to international literary figures. Lee first interviews the celebrated Peruvian writer Mario Vargas Llosa. (see CHOICE) (Oracle) 8.30 Reports. A new series begins with Christine Chapman explaining that the only way to deal with the Aids epidemic is to be feeling sensitive about sexual freedoms and put an end to permisivness. 9.00 The Possessed. Russian director Yuri Lyubimov's classic novel charting the destruction of a small town by the forces of Communism. (see CHOICE) Ends 12.20.

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On long wave. VHF variations at 7.00. 5.55 Shipping. 6.00 Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer (s). 6.30 Today. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News 7.25. 7.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.43 How Was It For You? Written and read by Alan Bennett about an uncle killed in the First World War and known only to the young Alan through a photograph on his grandmother's piano. A visit to the house in York nearly 60 years later helps to set the scene and jog the memory. 9.00 News. 9.05 The Psychiatrist's Chair. Greville Wynne is interviewed by Dr Anthony Tyrant. 9.30 The English Garden (s). Poetry and prose on one of the great passions of English life. 9.45 Uncle Clarence. Alan Bennett searches for an Uncle who died in Flanders in 1914. 10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time (new series). Experts tackle the history of one of the best ocean-going liners. 10.30 The World Tonight. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 The Steam Ship Uganda. Ivan Howitt traces the history of one of the best ocean-going liners. 11.35 News; Weather; 12.33 Shipping. 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SPORT

Scots aristocrats fear the lower orders of Europe

By Hugh Taylor

While the five Scottish clubs who embark tonight on their 1986 campaign in Europe...

have been badly hit by injuries and this week they lost Joe Miller...

retain an element of class and plenty of vigour and will prove...

The experience of Dundee United should enable them to gain a draw at least with Lens...

Real Madrid and Juventus set out tonight as leaders of a Latin attempt to revive the glories of the European Cup...

Real, with such star World Cup forwards as Spain's Butragueno...

Juventus, those masters of defence, begin with a home tie against the Icelandic underdogs...

More football on page 38

watched a lacklustre display on Saturday that they contain their opponents tonight...

The days are long gone when Scots scoffed at the thought of a foreign club with an unpronounceable name...

That is why there is a tinge of apprehension in Scottish hearts tonight because pride is at stake...

Aberdeen, who have been Scotland's most valiant champions in Europe in recent times...

Shamrock with a ground for caution

From Stuart Jones Football Correspondent Dublin

The citizens of Europe may no longer be endangered by wild and drunken louts claiming to be supporters of English clubs...

Shamrock Rovers, the champions of the Republic of Ireland, will entertain the kings of Scotland, Celtic...

Gleamdale Park, which sits on the edge of the busy Milltown Road, is a small and tight stadium overlooked usu-

ally by only one low stand. Now enlarged on either side by scaffolding that will be dismantled immediately after the tie...

Shamrock had considered moving the first leg to the more spacious accommodation at Lansdowne Road...

UEFA subsequently ordered the first leg of the second round tie, which Celtic had won 3-1...

did state that the police strength will be reinforced substantially both inside and outside the ground area.

Celtic should have few problems of their own within it. But Hay points out that "there are no easy games in Europe any more."

Nor will Shamrock. The champions of Eire for the last three years, they feel that their own club newspaper for peace in the Irish Republic...

They have never advanced beyond the first round of the European Cup, although two seasons ago they were knocked out by Linfield, their



Laird of the grand manner: McGrain has made Europe his stately home for 16 years

Linfield's hopes are high

By George Ace

Linfield, the Irish League champions and by far their most experienced side...

They will welcome back Byrne, their captain, in mid-field. They need him. He was suspended from last Sunday's League Cup tie...

Linfield's city rivals Glentworth go into their Cup Winners' Cup tie at the Oval, Belfast, against Lokomotiv Leipzig...

New men for West Germany

The West German manager Franz Beckenbauer yesterday named four newcomers in a squad of 20 for the friendly international against fellow World Cup finalists Denmark...

Beckenbauer has selected Kaiserlautern's Wolfram Wutke, Dieter Eckstein of Nuremberg...

West Germany, losing finalists in this year's World Cup, pocketed bonuses of up to 172,000 marks...

in Sunday's match against Napoli, the club that released him at the end of last season.

Udinese finalised Bertoni's transfer after ending Peruvian winger Geromino Barbado's contract a year earlier.

Udinese started the season with a nine-point penalty following the involvement of some club officials in a fixed match scandal...

You're at a football game with your child. An over-excited fan behind you begins to use abusive language.

Do you ask him to quieten down?

It's a question of Scruples.



Huish nurtures dream

From a Special Correspondent, Chicago

Scotland's David Huish, the key figure in Great Britain and Ireland's team in the Bell's Scotch PGA Cup match starting today at Knollwood, Chicago...

The North Berwick professional, a veteran of eight PGA Cup encounters, said: "My dream will come true this week and we will beat the Americans on their own soil for the first time..."

The British club professional champion's only concern, however, was the tough, wily, semi-rough edging the greens.

GOLF

Howe not for Villa

Don Howe is not among those interested in the vacant manager's job at Aston Villa. Although Doug Ellis, the Aston Villa chairman, received 13 applications for the job within 24 hours of Graham Turner's departure...

Anderson fined

Phil Anderson, the Australian cyclist, has been fined \$5,000 for infringing the rules during his victory in the first professional New York bicycle race on Sunday.

SPORT IN BRIEF

McEnroe slips into depths of depression

From Richard Evans, Los Angeles

John McEnroe is currently in a state of complete confusion about his future as a tennis player.

"I'm like a zombie when I go on court," he told me. "Half the time I don't know what I'm doing or why I'm there. Then I start playing so badly I just want to get off."

"The first round defeat at the US Open, the default for being late for his doubles and the resulting fine for insulting the referee, combined with banishment from the US Davis Cup team, contributed to a litany of woes that have left McEnroe abnormally depressed."

"Nothing about my comeback worked out the way I hoped," McEnroe said. "I have a lot of anger inside me about that and I am not excluding myself from blame. I am angry at myself as well."

"Anger is nothing new to McEnroe but I have never seen him so confused about how to deal with the problems that continually beset him."

Spark needed to get him going

"I need a spark, something to get me going again," he said morosely. "It will happen sometime, I know it will. But when or how..."

RACING

Dickinson breaks the ice

Michael Dickinson, who made racing history when saddling the first five home in the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup, finally broke the ice in his first season as a Flat trainer with Verryan Bay at Windsor Park yesterday.

Dickinson, who, in a glittering National Hunt career, had never had a ride or a runner at Lingfield, said: "That's a relief. It's been very frustrating with over 20 runners and several placed horses before today, but the morale has not been too bad."

Verryan Bay, who had been Dickinson's first two-year-old runner back at Chester in May, was ridden by Steve Caughen to lead well over a furlong out and the filly went on to beat the favourite, Keen Note, by three-quarters of a length.

The Yorkshireman, aged 36, said: "I did not have many older horses and they let me down. The two-year-olds had been backward, but the main problem has been getting to know the gallops at Mantons."

Caughen left the winner's enclosure to weigh in with his face in a broad smile, but came rushing back in a panic seconds later having left some of the filly's tack lying on the ground. "That was nearly a calamity," he said.

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RUGBY UNION

Coventry match not for Brain

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

Though Rugby play their regular early season game with Coventry, this evening they will not field their most recent acquisition, Steve Brain, England's hooker in 14 internationals, against the club which he has only just left.

Brain spent the summer coaching in the United States and has now been offered a new job in Rugby with a firm of builders' merchants whose managing director is David Rees, the new Rugby chairman.

Rees said: "I learnt that he was willing to move to further his career earlier in the summer, and that he was considering an offer from another club. We are delighted he has come to Rugby instead."

Coventry and England winger, joined the club with one in June as playing administrator, and our commitment is to put Rugby back in the position the club once occupied. The recruitment of Brain is a step in that direction."

Previously with Moseley, Brain joined Coventry in 1979 and played for them as a replacement as recently as September 2.

His move will be a fillip for a side which not only endured another indifferent season in 1985-6 but recently lost their last two captains, Guy Steele-Bodger and Peter Dewey, to Northampton. Since Steele-Bodger was a hooker, Brain's arrival is doubly welcome; Coventry's difficulty will be less acute in that they can give a regular place to Andy Farrington, the Warwickshire hooker.

Rugby will hope that Brain has received clearance to play for them by September 27, when they meet Dixonsians in the first round of the John Player Special Cup.

For his part Brain, 32 in November, will be all too aware of the challenge in the England squad of his perennial deputy, Andy Simpson (Sale), and Brian Moore, the promising Nottingham hooker.

Lock switches

Unbeaten Newport have switched their Welsh international lock, David Waters, to No 8 for today's match at Pontypool. Newport's only victory against the Welsh sequence dating back to 1977 was in April last year. That ended a run of 16 consecutive victories by Pontypool, who did the double over Newport last season.

Lloyd named

Dave Lloyd was yesterday named to represent Great Britain in the classic Grand Prix de Nations time trial in France on October 28. Lloyd, 37 next month, first rode in the French race in 1974 as a new professional with the Raleigh team.

Spanish step

Sally Little, one of the leading women golfers on the United States circuit, will play in the Spanish Open at La Manga from October 21 to 24. The South African, who lost a play-off for the US Open earlier this year, has earned over \$1million since joining the US LPGA tour in 1971.

Hill move

Gordon Hill, the former Manchester United and England winger, has joined Northwich Victoria of the GM Vauxhall Conference.



Howe: looking elsewhere

Devlin dies

Tom Devlin, the Celtic chairman, has died at the age of 72 at his home in Edinburgh after a long illness. One of the most able legislators in the game in Scotland, he had been associated with the SFA and Scottish League for 26 years. Devlin joined the Celtic board in 1948 and became chairman just over a year ago.

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